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THE KING'S TOUR: HIS MAJESTY DRIVING ALONG CHURCH STREET, GIBRALTAR, ON HIS ARRIVAL AT "THE ROCK," APRIL 8.

Drawn by A. Forestier, from a Photograph by Manuel Montegriffo.

OUR NOTE BOOK.

BY L. F. AUSTIN.

King Edward is about to invade France, and to storm the stronghold where at least one of his ancestors on the throne of England was crowned. I hope no patriotic Gaul will take this historical statement amiss, for it is the goodwill of the French people that the King desires to take captive. Already the shadow of his coming sheds a benignant calm over Paris. The English are almost popular. It is generally remarked that they are much better behaved than they used to be; they no longer exhibit a distressing taste for going to the Opera in tweed knickerbockers. The typical Briton has ceased for the moment to be a clumsy giant with red hair and a pipe in his mouth. What has worked this magical change? A delightful old French lady is reported to have said, "These English people are far better mannered since ce cher Roi mounted the throne." King Edward waves his sceptre, and lo! the Englishman in Paris becomes a polished being in French eyes. Let us keep this reputation if we can!

Thousands of our countrymen will flock to Paris to greet their Sovereign there on the First of May. Let me beg them to be careful of their costume. Morning dress should have a decent sobriety-neat, not gaudy; no red neckties, if you please. And do remember that it is usual in Paris to wear a silk hat, not a cloth cap. Put away that notion of the Ancient Briton that Paris is not good enough for his evening suit. I would go further-wear your evening dress in the afternoon. That is the French official style. And when you stand in the Champs Elysées, letting the Parisians know how British lungs can hurrah for the King, his eye, which misses nothing, will beam on you with approval, and he will say to M. Loubet: "My faith, M. le Président, you have turned these subjects of mine into Parisians!" And M. Loubet, quite equal to the occasion, will respond: "Sire, to-day you have turned our Parisians into your subjects." Such an exchange of compliments between the President of the Republic and a royal visitor is, I believe, forbidden by the Protocol, the diplomatic instrument which settles the etiquette of these ceremonies. But if you keep your eye on the King and the President at the Opera, you will see that there is a little joke between them. They whisper together, and laugh merrily. The British Ambassador looks preoccupied, and M. Delcassé frowns slightly; but the King murmurs to M. Loubet, "When you come to London, M. le Président, we'll have another game with the Protocol!"

I do not expect these pleasantries to be appreciated on the banks of the Neva or the Spree. Munich will make wry faces. Pan-Germans must be painfully flustered to read that the street-hawkers of Paris are laying in an enormous stock of Union Jacks and emblematic toys representing the King fraternising with President Loubet, and the British Policeman holding up his Hand. That is not quite accurate, to be sure; for the figure of the policeman, if you pull a string, will merely "put out his hand and take off his hat." Our immortal Bobby never takes off his hat. I sometimes think that he is born in a helmet, dies in it, and wears it defiantly in the tomb. But that Parisian toy is symptomatic of the entente cordiale; it shows how near the French are getting to a correct appreciation of our institutions. The sergent de ville is not a very successful controller of the Paris traffic. Perhaps the toy constable will suggest to the municipal authorities the experiment of a life-size image of Robert, planted in the middle of the Place de l'Opéra, with a gigantic Hand mechanically adjusted to overawe the cabmen.

From the Neva comes a pleasant whiff of the Dark Ages. Father John, who is worshipped by the Russian peasantry as a divine being, has solemnly banned Count Tolstoy. The Council of a University had the quaintly humorous idea of electing both of them, and Father John has declined to be bracketed with "that Satanic author," This must give Tolstoy some mild amusement. He may wonder what any University could have in common with a priest who would have seemed belated a thousand years ago. If Father John had been in a position to deal with a "Satanic author" even three centuries ago, he would not have been content to write a letter. But Tolstoy may expect to hear that the peasants believe him to have been whirled by Father John's wrath to the everlasting bonfire. A picture of him carried off by somebody with hoofs and horns will be impressed on the rural mind. For it is impossible that such an ungodly man should continue to flourish when the miracle-worker has pronounced his doom. I commend this to Madame de Novikoff as a theme for one of her charming dissertations on the superiority of Russian ideals to Western civilisation.

Our Western civilisation, by the way, is fond of smiling at Oriental customs. For years it was the fixed idea of our popular entertainers that nothing was so funny on the stage as a burlesque of an Eastern potentate. The Mikado was treated with a certain

caution in the old Savoy opera; still, you were invited to feel superior in his presence. The Sultan of Morocco, who is much too enlightened for his subjects, is probably familiar with the dignified figure which an ancestor of his makes in Shakspere. But he would have been disagreeably amazed by the counterfeit presentment of Moorish majesty on our stage not long ago. The Emperor of China has been subjected to the same indignity. Is it possible that the Dowager - Empress has heard of that? She is said to have started a novel entertainment in the Chinese Court. The ladies of the Legations were invited to tea, and found the Empress most gracious. She gave them silks, which they supposed to be priceless, though cynics affirm that articles which are made to be given away by this frugal monarch are naturally without price. So affable and bounteous a Sovereign, said the ladies of the Legations, could never have connived at the deeds of those horrid Boxers. But (the story runs) as soon as the guests had quitted the Palace, the Empress proceeded to delight her courtiers with imitations of her European admirers, who had not the least suspicion, poor dears, that they were so comic.

The success of this show ought to make it a regular Court function. I can imagine the programme, printed on Chinese silk of the finest quality: "The Palace Theatre of Varieties, Peking. The Dowager-Empress in her celebrated impersonations of the Female Foreign Devils. Songs, sketches, and dances, written and invented by the Dowager-Empress, the first and only music-hall artist in China. Infringement of copyright punished with instant death. Only the Dowager-Empress, by imitating the Female Foreign Devils, can show the foolishness of the outer barbarians, and the sublimity of Celestial wisdom." That is a very rough translation, of course. To catch the peculiar combination of the Dowager-Empress's artistic temperament with the consciousness of her consecrated mission, one must have a better knowledge of the Chinese language than I possess. But taking this to be her attitude of mind, who can be surprised? If she dances the "cakewalk" to show the Mandarins the absurdity of our civilisation, can you wonder? Besides, there is the Indemnity; and whenever an instalment is due, you may be sure that the Dowager-Empress will have some new and telling verses in her topical song, which will soon be as long as the traditional Chinese drama.

No philosopher has anything new to tell us about Monte Carlo; but M. Maeterlinck, in the Daily Mail, reports his observations of roulette. "The mystery of the universe," he says, "inflicts a symbolical, incessant, and disheartening defeat upon human power and reason." That is because no man, watching the ivory ball dancing in the spinning wheel, can "foresee, were it but for the third of a second, that which is about to happen before his eyes." Does it need a visit to Monte Carlo to teach humility to the human reason? A glance through the daily paper will show you the most confident predictions shattered in every department of the world's affairs. And yet the statesmen, financiers, and journalists go on reasoning about fate as if disappointment were unknown to them. As a matter of fact, the "mystery of the universe" does not dishearten us, though we stake heavily on symbols of far graver import than the number which does not come up.

Not the mystery of life, but its routine, is the most disquieting phenomenon. Consider the appalling same-Colonel Newnham-Davis says there are a hundred and fifty entrées in the French cuisine. Who would have thought it? I live in terror of that black pessimism which makes every entrée a mocking play upon words. Is there anything new in a filet, call it by what name you please? Carlyle said that Heine lived upon sausages made of toads. This was only one of those amiable figures of speech by which Carlyle indicated how poorly he thought of his eminent contemporaries. But even a dish of toads, or frogs at any rate, is not new to the French cook. What amazes me in Colonel Newnham-Davis is the breezy philosophy with which he discusses the menus in the noted restaurants of Europe. He enjoys them all, small and great. Look into his "Gourmet's Guide," which Mr. Grant Richards has published, and you will note that he makes no more fuss about a dinner at Monte Carlo at two pounds ten a head than about a three-franc table d'hôte in Brussels. What serenity! What breadth of mind! When I read of these cosmopolitan "spreads," I feel like the gentleman who sold his appetite to a diabolical stranger, and was made to suffer the evils of gluttony every night, though he never touched a morsel. But only one moment of weakness do I detect in Colonel Newnham - Davis. There is a passage where he hints that the gourmet may be driven by a surfeit of high living to a plain chop. Why not to vegetarianism? After studying all these menus, I could live contentedly on asparagus, which moved Charles Lamb to "gentle thoughts." But Mrs. Earle says it is full of poison—the poison of rheumatism! If M. Maeterlinck wants the real mystery of the universe, here it is!

PARLIAMENT.

Before the House of Commons adjourned for the Easter recess, Sir William Anson introduced the London Education Bill, which is the complement of the Act of 1902. He said that the London School Board would be abolished because an educational authority ad hoc was extravagant and over-centralised. Its election gave rise to periodical storms of religious controversy, and not more than 18 per cent. of the electorate went to the poll. Moreover, the interests of education were liable to be sacrificed to particular educational interests, such as those of the teachers. Under the new Bill the educational authority would be the London County Counci), assisted by the Borough Councils, which would nave the management of schools, the appointment or dismissa) of teachers, and the selection of sites for new schools. The County Council. however, would have full control over expenditure. Any dispute between the central body and the local bodies would be settled by the Board of Education.

As it would be impossible for the County Council to give its whole attention to education, it would exercise authority through a Committee of ninety-seven members, composed of thirty-six County Councillors, thirty-one Borough Councillors, twenty - five representatives of Voluntary schools, technical institutions, and the London University, and five members of the London School Board.

Against this scheme Sir Henry Campbell-bannerman made a strong protest. He denied that there was any justification for abolishing the School Board, derided the proposal to entrust the management of schools to the Borough Councils, and pointed out that the County Council would be in a minority on its own Committee. Sir John Gorst replied that this was not of cardinal importance, as the County Council would retain the power of the purse. Dr. Macnamara said the Bill made the Borough Councils managers of the schools, and then duplicated their authority on the Committee. Mr. W. F. Smith and Mr. Peel took the same view, and declared that the County Council must have a clear majority on the Committee. There was a division on the first reading of the Bill, which was carried by 159 to 77.

In the course of a short debate on Eastern affairs Lord Cranborne said that the Turkish Government was suffering from incompetence, not iniquity. It was necessary that order should be restored in the Sultan's disturbed provinces, and British officers would probably be sent to keep a warning eye on the Turkish troops Mr. Balfour, explaining the position of the Bagdad Railway, said that the line would certainly be made, that it would be the shortest mail route to India, and that if British capital were not invested the railway would be in the hands of German and French financiers. Moreover, it seemed desirable that the terminus of the railway on the Persian Gulf should be a port like Koweyt, which was under British control.

Mr. Lloyd-George attacked the Prime Minister for his recent speech on the action of the licensing magistrates in extinguishing licenses. This, said the member for Carnarvon, was improper interference, as the action of the magistrates was subject to appeal to Quarter Sessions. Mr. Balfour said he had merely expressed the opinion he had always held that licenses should not be extinguished without compensation.

To the objection that he had interfered with the administration of a court of law, the Prime Minister replied by recalling the ruling of the House of Lords that the licensing magistrates did not sit as a court. He deplored the magistrates' conduct, and felt no contrition for his statements. Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman entered a vigorous protest against Mr. Balfour's course of action.

THE PLAYHOUSES.

"THE M.I'S," AT THE HAYMARKET.

At the Haymarket Theatre, Colman and Garrick's old comedy of "The Clandestine Marriage" is converted so completely into a madcap farce, with the interest centring in the quaint antics of Lord Ogleby and Mr. Cyril Maude's clever representation of this senile dandy, that the management is wisely advised, no doubt, in reducing the original five acts to three. Thanks to such a policy of compression, it is now also able to find room for a naïve and unpretentious first piece of Mr. Harry Grattan's composition, which the author rather curiously styles "a musical incident." In point of fact, the trifle, for which Mr. Augustus Barratt supplies the score, contains no incident, and is merely a sort of military singsong supposed to take place on the banks of the Tugela. Surrounded by all the stage accoutrements of war are shown certain imaginary members of the Mounted Infantry (hence the title, "The M.I's"), who burst irresponsibly into melody, humorous and sentimental, and listen reverently while a young boy renders Mr. Slaughter's ballad of "The Dear Homeland." A small but capable company of five vocalists won considerable applause last Saturday evening for this harmless little entertainment.

MUSIC.

Good Friday is the only day in Lent, strange to say, on which the musical world shows any marked activity, and yet it is a day in Catholic churches on which no note of the organ is permitted until late evening. The Queen's Hall had two concerts, each of which drew an overflowing house. In the afternoon the chief attraction lay in the magnificent rendering by the Queen's Hall Orchestra of Tschaikowsky's melancholy Sixth Symphony. Mr. Wood conducted, and the "Symphonie Pathétique" was never better performed, every gradation of expression being given. A selection of "Parsifal" was made, including the beautiful Pfelude, Kundry's "Herzeleide," from Act II., the Good Friday music, especially arranged for the concert platform, and the closing scene of Act 1. Madame Marie Brema sang the "Herzeleide"

On the evening of Good Friday there was a miscellaneous concert at the Queen's Hall. Several items on the programme were scarcely in sympathy with the occasion, but the choice of music is limited, unless absclutely ecclesiastical music be chosen—a setting of "Maria Desolata" or "Tenebrae," etc. The most welcome item was the beautiful aria from Sir Arthur Sullivan's oratorio, "The Light of the World," "God shall wipe away all tears." Madame Kirkby Lunn sang it with great earnestness and charm. Madame Sobrino sang "I know that my Redeemer liveth," from "The Messiah"; Mr. Denham Price, Gounod's "Nazareth" excellently; Miss Florence Schmidt, with her clear, birdlike voice, gave a welcome, because an unhackneyed, solo from a "Cantata Spirituale" of Leonardo Leo. Miss Mathilde Verne played brilliantly some piano solos of Chopin; Miss Tita Brand gave an excellent recitation of Mrs. Browning's dramatic poem, "Mother and Poet." Mr. Percy Pitt accompanied, and the Meistersingers and Mr. Laurence Rea were also much appreciated.

The Albert Hall Royal Choral Society lived up to their traditions in giving "The Messiah," and giving it very well. The chorus gained rather than lost through diminution of numbers. Their rendering was crisp and precise, their intonation more distinct and distinctive in the sense of showing fuller recognition of the value of accentuation of phrases and words. Miss Evangeline Florence, Miss Alice Lakinwho has a beautiful quality of contralto voice-Mr. Charles Saunders, and Mr. Andrew Black were the soloists, and are all to be commended for their reverence of tone and finished style. Mr. Balfour played the organ accompaniments and Sir Frederick Bridge conducted.

Even the distance of the Crystal Palace from town did not prevent a large audience assembling on the afternoon of Good Friday. The concert was assisted by the Crystal Palace Choir and Orchestra and military bands. Miss Macintyre probably took the honours by her beautiful rendering of the difficult "Inflammatus" from Rossini's setting of the "Stabat Mater." Madame Kirkby Lunn foreshadowed her evening's triumph by singing "God shall wipe away all tears"; Mr. Santley sang the beautiful, simple hymn "There is a green hill far away," set to music by Gounod; Madame Ella Russell and the choir sang selections from Gounod's "Redemption," and many and varied were the other items of a long and successful programme.

For Tuesday, May 12, a grand entertainment is being arranged at the Queen's Hall, Langham Place, to aid a special effort which is being made by several interested ladies to place that excellent society, Our Dumb Friends' League, on a sounder financial basis. Princess Henry of Battenberg has promised to be present.

Talk of painted forgeries is in the air, and this being so, it is natural, after having turned to our own private walls and convinced ourselves that we have not been imposed upon at home, to wonder if our national collections have given refuge to clever unrealities. The authorities at the Louvre have been twice very seriously deceived within our memory; while pictures have at times been received and hung in Trafalgar Square only to be removed again when their exhibition brought upon them satisfactorily consigned to the darkness of the cellars at the National Gallery is the "Medical Professor," once attributed to Holbein. Deservedly not banished from the gallery walls, however, is "The Christ Blessing Little Children," which, although exceedingly beautiful, was not worth the huge sum of £7000 paid for it in 1866, when it was purchased as a Rembrandt.

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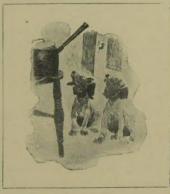


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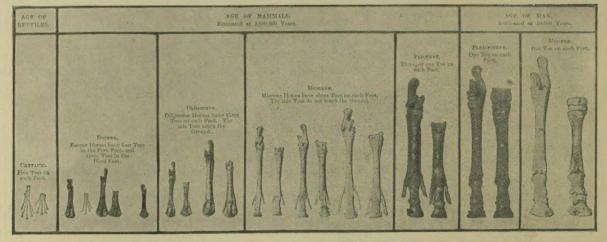
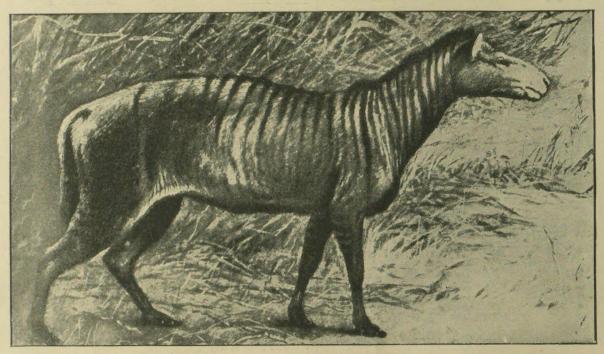
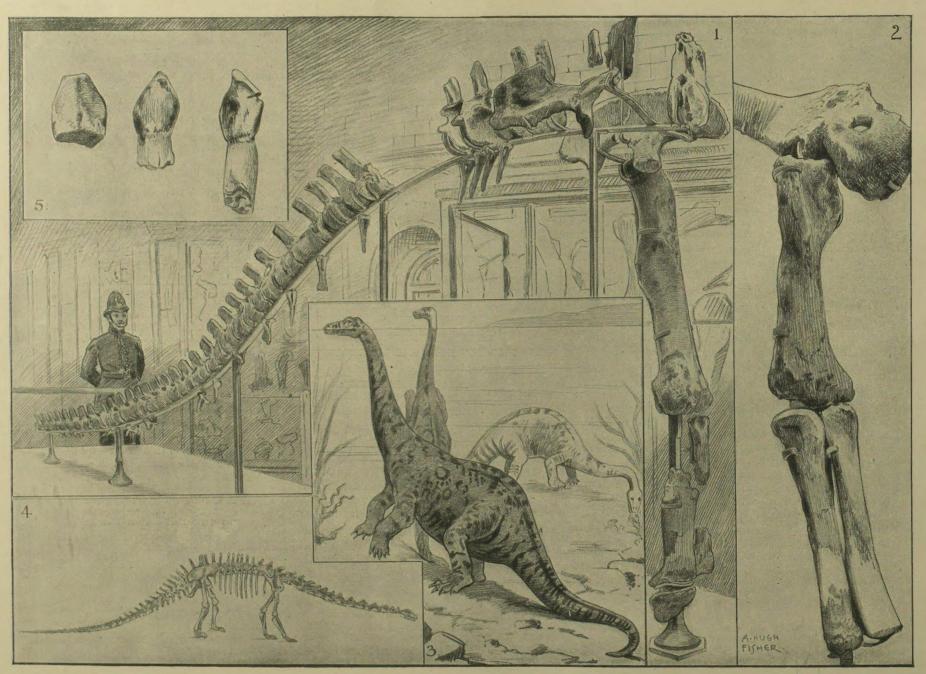


CHART SHOWING THE EVOLUTION OF THE HORSE FROM THE EARLIEST TIMES UNTIL NOW.



THE MISSING LINK IN THE ANCESTRY OF THE HORSE: THE THREE-TOED HIPPARION.

IN the Oxford clay in a brickfield near Peterborough, Mr. Alfred N. Leeds, F.G.S., has discovered the remains of the Sauropodous Dinosaur (Cetiosaurus Leedsii), the complete skeleton of which is believed to have been sixty feet long. These lizardfooted Dinosaurs are supposed to have fed on sea-weeds below low-water mark. Our Artist has made a sketch from a drawing by Mr. Charles R. Knight, illustrating a suggestion by Professor E. D. Cope, of the possible mode of life of these monsters. The teeth here shown probably belong to the Cetiosaurus Leedsii, and were found by Mr. Leeds in the same locality as the bones of the other remains. A similar species is the Diplodocus Carnegii, discovered in Wyoming, and presented to the Carnegie Museum at Pittsburg. Of this skeleton, which is sixty feet long, Mr. Carnegie has offered to present a plaster cast to the Natural History Museum.



r. The Tail and Left Hind - Leg of the Sauropodous Dinosaur (Cetiosaurus Leedsii).

2. The Right Fore - Leg, measuring Six Feet from Wrist to Upper End of Humerus.

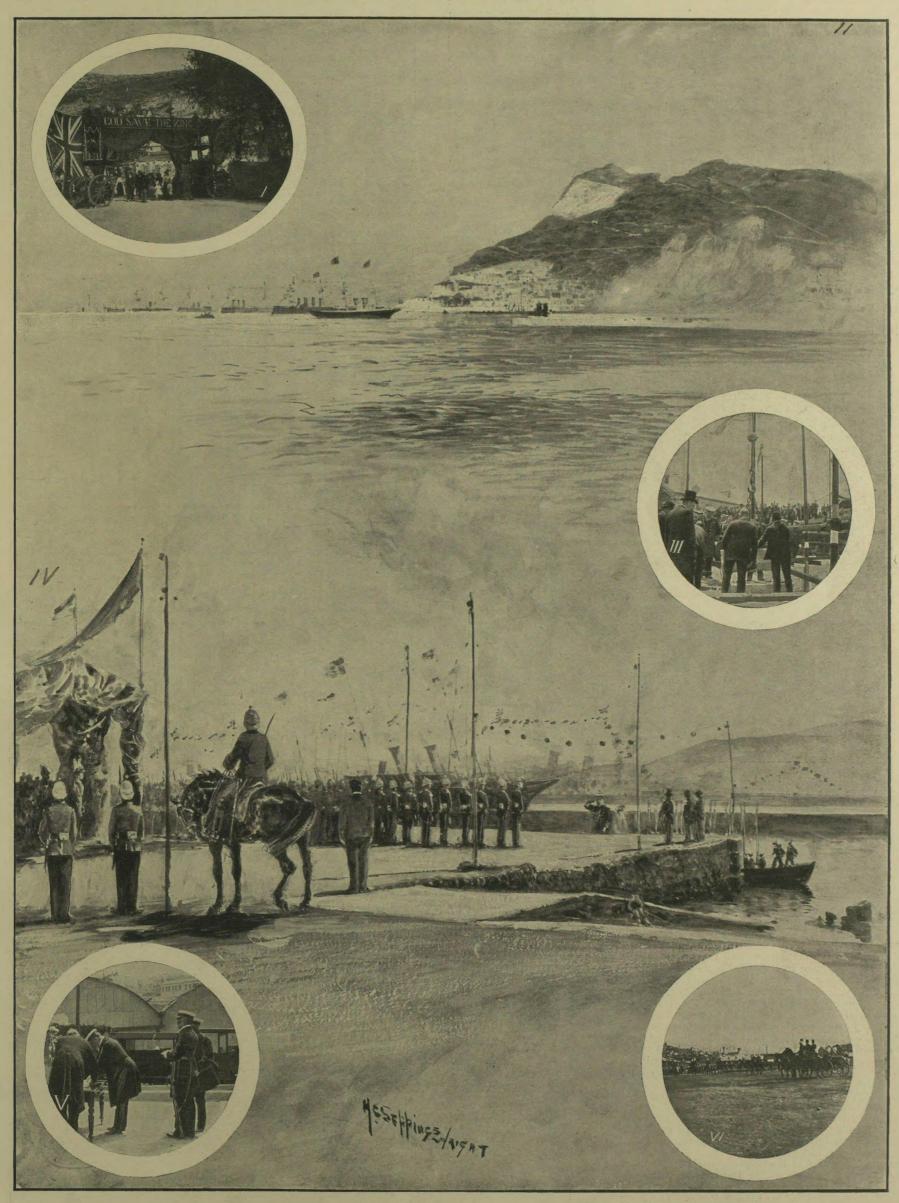
3. The Possible Mode of Life of the Seaweed-Eating Dinosaur.

4. A Kinsman of the Dinosaur: Skeleton (Restored) of the Diplodocus Carnegii.

5. The Teeth of a Sauropodous Dinosaur.

THE KING'S TOUR: SCENES OF THE VISIT TO GIBRALTAR, APRIL 8-13.

FROM PHOTOGRAPHS AND SKETCHES BY ALLAN STEWART, OUR SPECIAL ARTIST ACCOMPANYING HIS MAJESTY.



^{1.} DECORATIONS AT THE ARTILLERY BARRACKS.

^{2.} THE ARRIVAL OF THE ROYAL YACHT AT GIBRALTAR.

^{3.} THE KING LAYING THE CORNER-STONE OF THE NEW DOCK NO. 3, ON APRIL 9.

OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.

THE KING'S TOUR.

(See Supplement.)

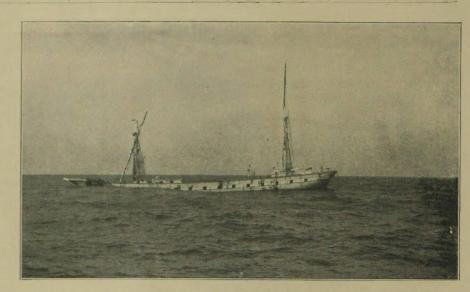
The Campo Pequeno, the great bull-ring at Lisbon, was on April 6 the scene of a brilliant spectacle, when a tourada, as the modified bull-fight is called in Portugal, was held in presence of King Edward and Dom Carlos. All the accessories of a national festival contributed to the picture. Outside the amphitheatre the scene was of the busiest, and within the great enclosure had assembled the gayest of holiday crowds. In the royal box, which was elaborately decorated with draperies and flowers, appeared Dom Carlos and King Edward, accompanied by the Queen Dowager, Dom Alfonso, the Marquis de Soveral, and the members of the suite. Each King wore the undress military uniform of his royal cousin's country. The performance began with the ceremonial entry of the chief performers. Heralded by drum and trumpet, the cavalleiros made their appearance in the arena in two splendid state coaches. Their horses, richly caparisoned, were led behind. Descending, the cavalleiros bowed to the royal box and then retired. The other performers then entered, banderilheiros in many-coloured cloaks and black velvet caps, and campinos with long bamboo lances. The cavalleiros, who had now mounted their horses, returned, and advanced across the arena to salute the royal party and the general spectators. Thereupon the so-called "fight" began. A fine bull was let loose in the enclosure, and at once charged the horsemen, who deftly evaded his attack and stuck darts covered with

Dock No. 3. On concluding his inspection, his Majesty signed the visitors' book which was kept at the works. The same afternoon, at a garden - party given at the Convent, Sir George White's residence, the King planted a memorial tree. On the 10th the King, escorted by Sir George White, visited the fortifications on "the Rock." The following day a review of the naval and military forces was held. His Majesty left Gibraltar on April 13, and the next day the squadron was saluted off Algiers by the Russian, Italian, and Spanish war-ships.

THE DUTCH STRIKE.

In various parts of the Continent the labour question has been very acute. On April 6 the Dutch railway-

men proclaimed a general strike, and the railway-lines and stations were immediately placed under military supervision. The railway companies had fortunately



SALVAGE BY ONE OF THE KING'S ESCORTING CRUISERS: A NORWEGIAN DERELICT IN THE MEDITERRANEAN.

The steel-masted vessel "Syvstjerne," of Sarpsborg, was deserted by her crew on March 9, during a hurricane, off the western coast of Sardinia. She was picked up on April 5 by H.M.S. "Bacchante," which has escorted the King to Malta, and was towed to Philippeville, in Algeria.

soldiers who did the work of shunting. Crowds gathered in the streets of Amsterdam, and were in certain cases dispersed by the police with drawn swords. The strike was never very enthusiastically organised, and on April 8 about ninety per cent. of the employés presented themselves at the depôt and desired to resume work. On April 10 the general strike ceased, but the authorities took stringent measures to prevent any recurrence of disorder. Among the humorous incidents which our Artist has noted is that of the milkman whose two sons, both employed at the gasworks, refused to strike. The wife of a neighbouring striker visited the iniquity of the children upon the father.

SOMALILAND.

The Mullah continues his policy of strategic movements to the rear, and has been reported as having moved from Wal Wal to Dik, a point farther to the north-west. The fanatical leader is driven to adopt this course from the fact that the Abyssinians are co-operating with our troops, and preclude all possibility of a movement towards the south; and there is no longer any fear of his invading Italian territory. A base has been established at Galkayu, and stores and reinforcements are being rapidly pushed through to the small garrisons which the main column leaves as it proceeds. All the wells and water-holes between Galadi and Galkayu are now in our possession, and the route between these is therefore safe. With regard to the fatigues of the main body in its advance from Obbia, Mr. Melton Prior writes, in notes accompanying the sketches in our Supplement: "When the main column under Colonel Fasken left Obbia, we started at six a.m. and marched till 12.30. The next day we marched till one p.m., but the heat told so heavily on the foot soldiers that the Colonel decided to march at night. This course was rendered easier because there was a moon." In the same letter, which is dated March 16, our correspondent says: "We are stuck at Dibit for want of transport, but we go to the front at Galkayu on the 18th. Our Colonel and staff have been withing all day to ascertain how we can go forward with the transport we have. As it is a six days' march—four of these without water—it is a bad look-out. Here at Dibit there is a great scarcity of water. I am allowed two gallons per day for myself and one for servants for all purposes. The water reminds one of Harrogate or Homburg."



1. A Forcible Argument. 2. Cavalry Escorting Non-Strikers from the Gasworks.

THE DUTCH STRIKE: SCENES OF THE AGITATION.

Sketches by H. W. Koekkoek, our Special Artist in Holland.

tissue-paper frillings into his neck. He leaped the barrier, and on being brought back the campinos hurled themselves upon him and tried to leap between his horns, which had been fitted with knobbed sheaths to render them harmless. After a time the bull was led away, and another took his place. Neither man nor horse was even scratched in the course of the play, which was sufficiently exciting to watch. On the following day, King Edward, amid manifestations of friendship as great as those which had marked his welcome, took leave of Dom Carlos and of Portuguese soil. The procession returned to the landing-place at Black Horse Square by the same route as that followed on the King's arrival, but state carriages were used instead of the ancient state coaches. On reaching the Square, the two monarchs entered the Hall of the Commercial Tribunal, where the Commercial Associations, representing all parts of the country, presented an address, which was read in English by Senhor Simoes Almeida, President of the Lisbon Chamber of Commerce. The document recalled the colonising and civilising work which had for centuries been carried on under the British and Portuguese flags, and, in his reply, King Edward remarked that one of his dearest aims and objects was the integrity of the two countries and their colonies—words which were greeted with particular enthusiasm by the audience.

The Sovereigns then walked to the quay, where the farewells were spoken, and the royal galley conveyed the two monarchs to the *Victoria and Albert*, where they lunched. Before taking leave, King Edward proposed with great cordiality the health of Dom Carlos, whom he thanked for his kind welcome. The King of Portugal responded, assuring his Majesty of the loyalty of his people's friendship for Great Britain and her Sovereign. Shortly afterwards Dom Carlos went ashore. The yacht then sailed for Gibraltar. On April 8 the King was welcomed at Gibraltar by the Governor, Sir George White, and received an address from the Chamber of Commerce. On the following evening, at a banquet, his Majesty marked his visit in the pleasantest manner by announcing his intention of promoting the defender of Ladysmith to the rank of Field-Marshal.

On April 9 the King visited the works of the new docks at Gibraltar and laid the corner-stone of

a sufficient number of non-strikers available, so they were able to run a restricted service of trains. At various points the ordinary railway-servants were reinforced by



3. "Milk and Water": The Ill-Used Milkman and the Striker's Wife. 4. Of the Official World. 5. "I'd Sooner Starve Than Work."
6. The Repression of Juvenile Turbulence. 7. Types of Labour Politicians.

THE DUTCH STRIKE: SCENES AND INCIDENTS.

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PERSONAL.

The question as to whether King Edward will visit the Pope or not seems to rest on considerations of etiquette. The German Emperor on his approaching visit to Rome will call on the Pontiff; but that is an easier matter than for King Edward, for Prussia has an Ambassador at the Vatican, while Great Britain has not. The King could not drive thither in one of King Victor Emanuel's carriages. The suggested solution that the King should start from one of the priestly seminaries has been set aside from the consideration that, in British eyes, these institutions are revolutionary.

It does seem as if the Thirty Years' War in Acheen had come to an end. The Sultan of Acheen is reported to have made his submission to the Dutch. It does not appear how this strikes the Dutch journalists who asked us to restore the independence of the Boers.

Sir George Stuart White, whose appointment to the highest rank in the British Army has caused so much well-justified



SIR GEORGE STUART WHITE, V.C., G.C.M.G.,

Gibraltar since 1900. Born on July 6, 1835, the son of the late Mr. J. R. White, D.L. of County of County Antrim, he was educated at Sandhurst, and entered the Army in 1853. His war record is both long and honourable. He served the Indian Mutiny with the 27th Inniskillings, and in the Afghan War of 1878-80 with the Gordon Highlanders;

satisfaction, has

been Governor of

New Field-Marshal.

present at the occupation of Kabul, the expedition to Maidan, Sharpur, and the capture of Takti-Shah; was in the famous march from Kabul to Kandahar, and the Nile Expedition of 1884-851. commended a brigade in Burma in 1884-851. march from Kabul to Kandanar, and the Nile Expedition of 1884-85; commanded a brigade in Burma in 1885 and 1886; led the expedition into Zhob, and in the recent war in South Africa set a seal on his already high reputation by his gallant defence of besieged Ladysmith. Sir George White's official positions have included that of Military Secretary to the Viceroy of India, A.A.Q.G. in Egypt, Commander-in-Chief of the Forces in India, and Quartermaster-General to the Forces. He married and Quartermaster-General to the Forces. He married Amy, daughter of the Ven. Joseph Baly, Archdeacon of Calcutta, in 1874.

The Independent Labour party continues to proclaim its undying hostility to Liberalism. Mr. Keir Hardie says there will be fifty Labour candidates at the next General Election, and possibly a hundred, and that the Liberal party will be extinguished by the revolt of the working-classes.

Sir Wilfrid Lawson, who has been elected member

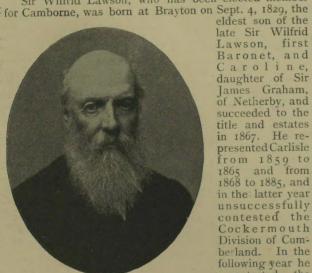


Photo. Ellio't and Fry SIR WILFRID LAWSON, BART., New M.P. for Camborne.

Caroline, daughter of Sir James Graham, of Netherby, and succeeded to the title and estates in 1867. He re-presented Carlisle from 1859 to 1865 and from 1868 to 1885, and in the latter year unsuccessfully contested the Cockermouth Division of Cumberland. In the following year he recontested the division, which he represented until 1900. Sir Wilfrid

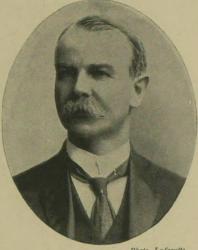
owns some 8300 acres and is a magistrate for his advocate of temperance, he is also recognised by the members of the House of Commons as a wit with the gift of rhyme, and there is little doubt that his election will frequently result in the enlivenment of what might otherwise be dull sittings. Sir Wilfrid married the third daughter of Mr. J. Pocklington Senhouse in 1860.

The Military Committee of inquiry into officers' expenses has made some drastic recommendations. Luxuries like inter-regimental polo are to be prohibited No regiment will be allowed to keep a pack of hounds. Colonels are to prevent wealthy officers from setting the scale of expenditure. The whole bias of military reform, it may be remarked, is towards a great increase in the personal responsibility of Colonels.

The Rev. W. Hardy Harwood will, it is hoped, succeed the late Rev. W. J. Woods as Secretary of the Congregational Union. His name is the only one which will be submitted to the Spring Assembly, which meets in London on May 11. Mr. Harwood is considering the matter, but it is uncertain whether he will be ing the matter, but it is uncertain whether he will be persuaded to leave his very prosperous charge at Union Chapel, Islington.

The recently instituted appointment of Director of Naval Education has been filled by the selection of

Dr. James Alfred Ewing, Professor of Applied Mechanics and Mechanism in the University of Cambridge since 1890. Professor Ewing is the third son of the late Rev. James
Ewing, and was
born at Dundee
on March 27,
1855. Educated
at the High School of his native city, and at Edinburgh University, he was trained as an engineer, and, after taking part in a number of telegraph · cable expeditions, was



PROFESSOR J. A. EWING, LL.D., 'Director of Naval Education.

appointed in 1878 Professor of Mechanical Engineering in the University of Tokio. This position he held until 1883, when he became Professor of Engineering in University College, Dundee. Professor Ewing has made a special study of electricity, particularly magnetism, and has written a number of papers on that and subjects of a similar nature. The Royal Society recognised his work by the bestowal of the Royal Medal in 1895.

. Mr. John Morley, addressing his constituents, declared that the war was due to the "mismanagement of trifles." He drew a gloomy picture of the national finance, but praised the Irish Land Bill, and agreed with Mr. John Redmond that it ought not to be mixed up with Home Rule.

Yung-lu, who died at Peking on April 11, has more than once been credited with being the power behind the Chinese

throne, and there is little doubt that, after the death of Li-Hung-Chang, he the most influential of the Empress - Dowager's advisers. In the disturbances of 1900 he played a prominent part, in the early stages of the Boxer movement urging his imperial mistress not to tempt the Powers too much, afterwards agreeing with the attack on the Legations

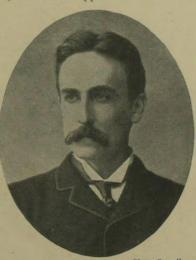


Chinese Diplomatist.

and eventually accompanying the Empress in her flight on the arrival of the relieving forces. Born in the Manchu region, and a member of Prince Ch'un's household, Yung-lu early became a personage in his native land, and filled a number of important official posts. In December 1894 he became a member of the Tsung-li-Yamen and Commandant of Peking, and later, in turn, President of the Board of War, Assistant Grand Secretary, Viceroy of Chi-li, Grand Secretary, and Generalissimo of the army in Chi-li. His part in the Palace revolution of 1898 has never been precisely defined, but it is worthy of note that one of the first acts of the Dowager-Empress was to appoint him Imperial High Commissioner in command of the forces in Northern China. At the time of his death he was Controller of Finances and First Secretary.

The Hon. Arthur Ralph Douglas Elliot, M.P. for the city of Durham, has been appointed to succeed

Hayes Fisher. The new Financial Secretary to the Treasury, who is the second son of the third Earl of Minto, and brother to the present Earl, was born on Dec. 17 1846. Educated at Edinburgh University and at Trinity College, Cambridge, he was called to the Bar in 1880, and practised on the Northern Circuit. From 1880 until 1886 he was member for Roxburghshire in the Liberal interest,



THE HON. ARTHUR R. D. ELLIOT, M.P., New Financial Secretary to the Treasury.

Liberal interest, and from 1886 until 1892 in the Liberal Unionist interest. In the latter year he was defeated by the Hon. Mark Napier, and in 1895 was beaten at Durham by a single vote. He has been editor of the *Edinburgh Review* since 1895. Mr. Elliot married Madeleine, daughter of Sir Charles Lister Ryan, K.C.B., in 1888.

The late Prebendary Kitto had for many years been a prominent figure in the social as well as the religious life of West London. He was closely connected with hospital work. During his early years, when he held the Rectory of Whitechapel, he took an active interest in the London Hospital, and while Vicar of St. Martin's he was one of the most valued counsellors in the affairs of Charing Cross Hospital. He was a strong Evangelical, and a thorough man of business. It was Bishop Temple who, in 1886, nominated him to the Vicarage of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, a parish which still retains a population of corn sight theman which still retains a population of over eight thousand. St. Martin's is one of the richer London benefices. and it is expected that deductions will now be made in favour of neighbouring churches. A correspondent of the *Times* has suggested that St. Martin's should, for the future, be the seat of the Suffragan Bishop for West London. Dr Ridgeway is now obliged to travel every day from Bishopsgate to his special district.

Sir Evelyn Wood, one of the two new Field-Marshals, is an Essex man, and was born on Feb. 9, 1838, the

youngest son of the late Rev. Sir John Page Wood, Bart., and Caroline, daughter of Admiral Sampson Michell. Educated at Marlborough, he was called to the Bar at the Middle Temple in 1874, passed at the Staff College, and in 1852 entered the premier service, serving with the Naval Brigade during the Crimea, and being severely wounded while carrying a scaling-ladder to the Redan. In



SIR EVELYN WOOD, V.C., G.C.B., G.C.M.G., New Field-Marshal.

the Redan. In 1855 he joined the 13th Light Dragoons, three years later went through the Indian Campaign with the 17th Lancers, and in December 1859 was awarded the V.C. After service in the Ashantee, Kaffir, Zulu, and Transvaal Wars from 1879 till 1881, he commanded the Chatham District in 1882 and 1883, raised the Egyptian Army in the latter year, served in the Nile Expedition of 1894 and 1895, commanded the Eastern District from 1886 till 1888, and the Aldershot Division from 1889 till 1893, was Quartermaster-General to the Forces from 1897 till 1901, and has since been Commander of the Second Army Corps. He married the Hon. Mary Paulina Southwell in 1867.

M. Stcherbina, the Russian Consul at Mitrovitza, in Albania, has died of the wound he received from an Albanian soldier in the Turkish service. This creates a fresh complication in the Balkan problem. Russia demands the execution of the murderer, but it is said that the Sultan is too much in awe of his Albanian bodyguard to comply.

Mr. William Hayes Fisher, whose resignation of the office of Financial Secretary to the Treasury has been

the cause of much stir and considerable sympathy in political circles, had only held the position he now gives up since last year. Mr. Hayes Fisher, who is the eldest son of the late Rev. Frederick Fisher, was born at Downham in 1853, and was educated at Haileybury and at University College, Oxford, where he gradu-ated in the Classical and Legal Honours School in 1876. Three years later he



MR. W. HAYES FISHER, M.P., Ex-Financial Secretary to the Treasury

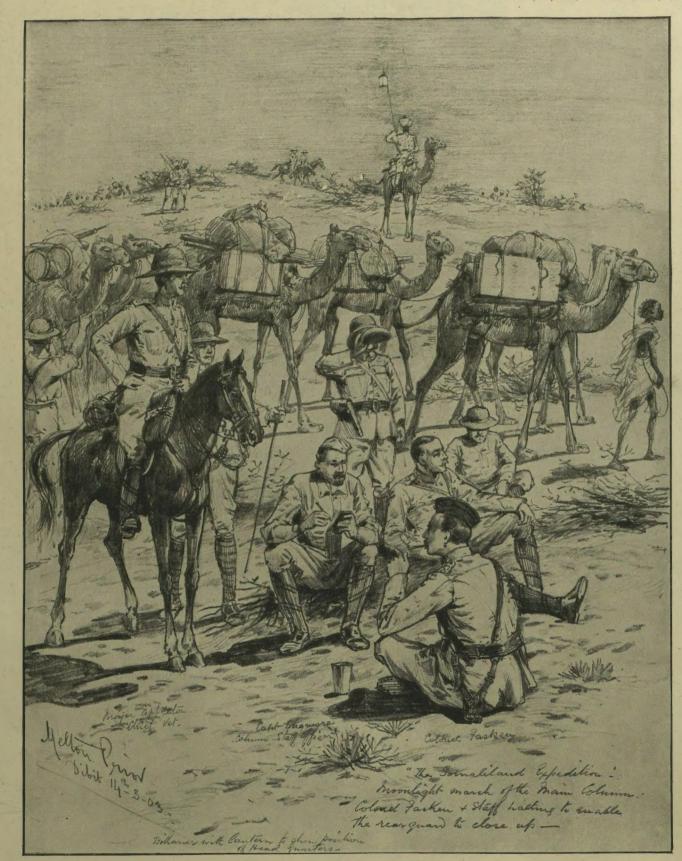
was called to the Bar at the Inner Temple; in 1886 and 1887 he was honorary private secretary to Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, and from 1887 until 1892 to Mr. Balfour; from 1895 until 1902 he was Junior Lord of the Treasury and a Ministerial Whip; and he has represented Fulham since 1885. Mr. Fisher married Florence Fisher, his cousin, in 1895.

A denial has been given to the reports which have appeared in the Press that the Sultan of Morocco and appeared in the Press that the Sultan of Morocco and his entourage are deeply dejected by the state of affairs. On the contrary, it is asserted that they are hopeful and confident, while the Pretender is no longer considered of any account. Since his defeat by the Shereefian troops, Bu Hamara has not been heard of in the district between Fez and Taza.

Great activity prevails in the Transvaal gold-fields, and the pegging-out of claims has been carried out without disorder under the eye of the constabulary. The signal for beginning the pegging was given by the firing of rifles, and no peg could be driven until the appointed moment. At Klerksdorp 15,000 claims were pegged in half an hour. At Wilgepoort there were so many competitors that the measurements of the ground were done to a fraction.

THE SOMALILAND EXPEDITION: THE ADVANCE OF THE MAIN COLUMN FROM OBBIA.

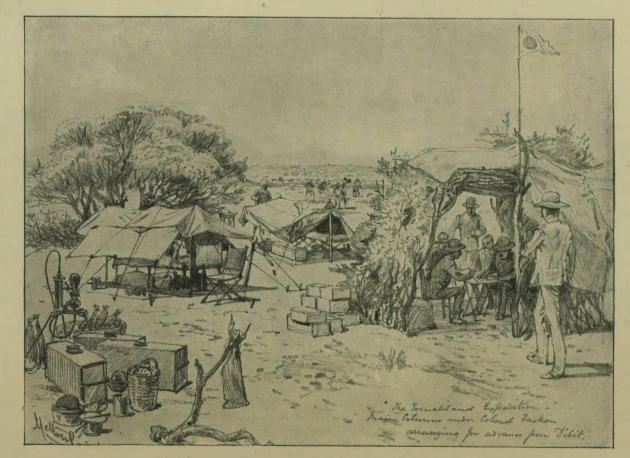
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A MOONLIGHT MARCH: COLONEL FASKEN AND STAFF HALTING TO ENABLE THE REARGUARD TO CLOSE UP ON HEADQUARTERS, INDICATED BY A BIKANER CAMEL CORPS MAN WITH A LANTERN.



THE RUSH FOR WATER DURING A HALT: A SCENE AT THE WELL OF DIBIT.



COLONEL FASKEN AND STAFF ARRANGING HOW TO ADVANCE FROM DIBIT WITH INADEQUATE TRANSPORT.

Mr. Melton Prior notes that after the long, thirsty march from Obbia there was something like a fight for water at the Well of Dibit. He illustrates the method of watering the camels by means of a hose and force-pump. At Dibit the column was short of transport, but the commander made a special effort to push forward with what he had.

A SLIPPED CABLE.

By WALTER WOOD.

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Illustrated by GUNNING KING.

"A S between captain an' captain—I 'll put it that way—you won't find a tighter craft on the coast. Come an' look at 'er—she's layin' just above the bridge."

The skipper spoke engagingly, and turned towards the cabin-door with an air of invitation.

"Not now," replied the captain. "I will have her looked at to-morrow morning. Good-night." He began to examine some papers that were lying near him.

For a full minute the skipper remained standing. Then he said, "This is no case for one of your leeftenants—it's a case for you. Come now, if you'll examine 'er to-night I'll get a coble alongside an' row you up."

"Make yourself scarce, my good man," exclaimed the captain. "If the yawl is what I want, I'll engage you; if not, I shall get another. Bilton," he called.

"Yes, Sir," said a smart seaman, entering and saluting.

"Show this man ashore."

"Yes, Sir," said Bilton, again saluting.

He tapped the skipper on the arm, and pointed to the companion-ladder. "'Op it, old cock," he said in a low voice.

"I suppose I can take a 'int as well as most

men," answered the skipper, in suppressed fury. "I suppose I've 'ad a 'int now. I'll take it, though I don't think it the sort o' 'int one captain ought to give to another. I can find my own way off this steam-boat; an' I'll thank you, young man, not to call me old cock. I've felled a chap afore to-day for less than that."

He glanced balefully at the captain, who took no notice of him, and then went on deck and crossed the gangway to the pier. Bilton followed him. "Look 'ere," he said, "if you've got axes to grind, you ought to remember one or two things; an' the first is that the *Briton* is a ship of the Royal Navy—she isn't a steam-boat."

"Well?" said the skipper.

"The next is that there's a difference between our boss an' you. I won't wownd your feelin's, but you're no class, you know."

"We're both captains," growled the skipper.

"Well, yes, in a way; but you're diff'rent. Ours doesn't get his dinner till seven o'clock, an' all that sort o' thing." Bilton said "an' all that sort o' thing" in a comprehensive manner. It meant everything that was left unspoken. "An' ours," added Bilton casually, when his first shot had struck home, "has shook ands

with the King, an' 'ad 'is tea with the Royal Fam'ly. Now, you 've never done that!''

"Maybe not; but I know a man 'at's seen the Prince o' Wales," snapped the skipper. "Do you drink beer?"

"Does a duck swim?" inquired Bilton pleasantly.
"Then come to the Brig an' Anchor," said the

"You order a thirsty an' obedient man," rejoined Bilton. "Brig an' Anchor! Ah, they keep proper beer there, they do! An' as for anchors—well, you just wait an' see the sort you'll get on board your yawl—that is, if you get the job. I'll bet the anchor an' cable'll be worth more than your yawl with all 'er gear an' spars thrown in."

Half an hour later, when the malt liquor at the Brig and Anchor had mellowed Bilton's temperament, he was good enough to promise to use his personal influence with the captain to secure for the skipper the appointment which he sought; and that was to act as marking - boat to H.M.S. *Briton* in her work of surveying part of the North Sea.

"You see," said Bilton, "when we're out o' sight o' land, we want a' object to work by, an' we always get a chap like you—hire you, lock, stock, and barril.



"You said something about anchors an' cables," he added, when Bilton was deep in his tankard.

where you're told, an' we do the rest. You knowpress-the-button business.'

The skipper laughed, not because he understood the allusion, but because he saw that it was expected of "You're a funny one, you are," he said.

"Just what the captain said, only 'e put it more literary: 'The Royal Navy got a good fool in you, Bilton, an' the circus lost a clever clown.' Them's his words."

"Your captain's a trifle 'aughty, isn't 'e, an' a bit distant?" queried the skipper.

"Unless you're intimate with 'im-yes," admitted Bilton. "Now I-well, if I was to say I could twist im round my little finger, you mightn't believe it; yet it's the truth. It's familiarity 'at does it. Many 's the joke I crack with the Old Man.'

"'Ave another pot o' beer," said the skipper. "You said something about anchors an' cables," he added, when Bilton was deep in his tankard.

"Yes, all that's our shout - the Royal Navy," answered the seaman. "When you're spendin' 'undrids of millions, as I might say, what 's a' anchor an' cable?"

"A trifle," answered the skipper readily.

"Not even that," asserted Bilton. "I should say the gear we shall provide you with'll be worth two 'undrid pound, if it's worth a penny. So if you get the job you'll be careful with it, won't you?"

"I will, I will," the skipper assured him. "If you're goin' straight back to the steam-boat-

"Ship," interrupted Bilton correctingly.

"Ship," said the skipper, "you might speak a word for me before 'e turns in."

"Right," responded Bilton.

He went back to the Briton, and forgot all about the skipper and the yawl until he heard that they had been engaged by the captain; then, seeking out the skipper, he demanded, and obtained, further refreshment at the Brig and Anchor, on the ground that the appointment was due to his own direct and personal influence with the chief.

"It's a solemn trust you've got, skipper," Bilton said. "I don't mean in the yawl, but in the Government stores you'll 'ave aboard of her. An' then the workyou ought to feel proud, for you're a sort o' Royal Navy man, for the time, bearin' your share of your country's burden-

So now, old skipper, I'll take your flipper, An' together we'll go A-surveyin' the deep.

"How d' ye like that for poetry, eh?"

The skipper said he had a high opinion of it, as indeed he had.

"Thirty bob a day is what you'll get," continued Bilton, "an' the job's for two month certain. That's for yourself and the yawl, mind you; the rest is done by the Royal Navy. You'll have two or three of us on board under your orders. What price our generosity, eh? Ought to keep you on the free side o' jail, oughtn't it?"

The skipper involuntarily shuddered. His thoughts were running on anchors and cables in a manner that

made any allusion to a prison offensive.

"Thirty bob a day," continued Bilton. "Here's a bit o' mental arethmitic for you: seven nought's nought, seven three's and nought's twenty-one-two 'undrid an' ten shillin's-ten pound ten-ten guineas. There you are-ten guineas a week for two month. That's eight tens is eighty-eighty guineas-eightyfour pound. By George!

"An' the anchor an' cable," added the skipper

"Anchor an' cable?" repeated Bilton, puzzled. "What d'ye mean?"

"Nothing, nothing—it slipped, that's all."
"Slipped," said the astonished seaman. "What are you drivin' at?"

"Nothing," answered the skipper helplessly. was only a thought 'at slipped."

"If you don't make the Royal Navy's anchors grip a bit better nor your ideas, you'll be in a poor way, that's all I can say," observed Bilton severely; and with this he rose and returned to the Briton.

A week later, the Briton, fifty miles from shore, was peacefully conducting her surveying work. Near skipper's yawi was anchored—the Blue Riband, they called her - and on board of her, amongst the men who had been sent from the Briton, was Bilton. The surveying went on from day to day for six weeks, and it became monotonous. The Blue Riband remained where she was, at anchor, while the Briton ran to port two or three times. To the skipper and his own men, accustomed to the long periods at sea which trawling had demanded of them for many years, the time passed smoothly. The weather was gloriously fine, and the thirty shillings a day made handsome payment for them. But Bilton chafed at what he called imprisonment and took a dislike to being cooped up on board the yawl. "It'll be a fine day for me," he observed, "when we can get the anchor up an' start for home."

"Aye, get the anchor up, or slip the cable," said the

"You're mad-dotty," remarked Bilton. "When a 'uman mind goes 'arpin' on a single idee it 's evidence

Your work's simple an' easy enough-you just stick of mental decay. You've gone barmy on slippin' cables, an' I'm sorry for you.'

He disappeared, and the skipper, looking round to make sure that he was not observed, slapped his thigh and murmured, "I'll let it go in the very first breeze that blows. I've thought it all out, an' it's right. They shouldn't place temptation in the way o' sinners, that 's all. I'll slip the cable an' let the buoy go well under, so's it won't watch, an' then, when the matter's quietened down an' is forgot, I'll come out with the Blue Ribbin, trawl for the cable, pick it up—an' sell it an' the anchor for my own profit. Unless I'm forced to do it I won't take that scoundrel Bilton in. Oh for a spell o' mucky weather!"

Such a wish had never before been uttered by the skipper. Unlike most of his desires, this was to be fulfilled. The Briton had again gone back to port, leaving the yawl to await her return. In her absence there was a break in the weather. The skipper with deep satisfaction watched the falling of the barometer. He looked anxiously at the sky. The brilliant blue and white was becoming obscured by enormous clouds from the west, and the wind moaned and whistled over the

sea. The horizon in the east was a long blue-grey line, rising, as it seemed, from the leaden water. Soon even this and the blue sky and fleecy clouds were blotted out, and there was nothing overhead but signs of evil weather. The whistling of the wind grew shriller, and there was rapid whitening of the growing waves. Rumblings of thunder were heard, then flashes of lightning rent the lowering skies, and a fierce little storm broke.

In the deluge of rain and turmoil of tempest the skipper carried out the scheme which until now he had been perfecting in his mind. He sent Bilton and the rest below, and they descended willingly. "I've known men get killed on board ship in weather that wasn't as shabby," he said. "There's no need for more than one man to be on deck at a time like this; an' for choice, an' because I'm the skipper, I'm goin' to be that man. Get below."

"Not a bad sort of old man," shouted Bilton, making himself snug near the stove in the little cabin. He had pulled the hood of the hatch over as he went down the short companion-ladder, so that they should be nice and dry. He had to shout, because by this time the wind was roaring about the smack, and she was groaning and creaking as she strained at the anchor.

Suddenly the Blue Riband gave a bound-a long. free scend, which told the practised Bilton that she was no longer held by chain or anchor. He rushed on deck, "What yer done?" he shouted.

"Slipped the cable. I had to," answered the skipper, roaring also.

"Where's the buoy?" demanded Bilton.

"Overboard," was the reply

"It isn't watchin'," cried Bilton. He looked over the bows. "D' ye know what yer done, old man? You've let the whole lot go! That chain an' anchor'll never be seen again. The buoy's fathoms deep under the water. You dodderin' old idiot! You've lost the country two 'undrid pound worth of vallyable property! Two 'undrid pound!'

He smote the skipper twice on the back as he shouted "two." There was a flash of lightning and a crash of thunder; at the same instant a lurch of the smack tore the tiller from the skipper's hands and knocked him over.

"I'm killed!" shouted the skipper.

"You'll live to get three month for it, an' me to be kicked out o' the Navy," shouted Bilton.

"You go below! I'll talk to you when you're sober!" vociferated the skipper, rising to his feet. "I'm captain o' this 'ere ship. Go below!"

The instinct of discipline prevailed. Besides, Bilton was too much astounded to retaliate, and without a word he returned to the cabin, and the skipper fastened them down until the squall had passed.

At midnight, when the shore lights were showing, the skipper and Bilton were talking earnestly in whispers by the tiller, which was held by the master.

You're agreeable," inquired the skipper, "after what I've said?" "Yes," whispered Bilton. "After all, it's only

robbin' the country, an' the country's like a railway or a

corporation-it 'asn't a conscience. 'Ow'll you get it?" "Wi' the trawl," answered the skipper. "I know just where it is, an' I'll fetch it up as sure as I'm captain

o' the Blue Ribbin. It's worth two 'undrid pound-"Approximate;" interrupted Bilton cautiously.

"You said two 'undrid," persisted the skipper. "Did I? Well, say a 'undrid-that'll be fifty apiece."

"Right, call it so. We won't bring it ashore 'ere to sell."

"Not much."

"I know a man in Yarmouth who'll trade with us."

"An' I know one in Wappin'," added Bilton. "I was born not far from Wappin'."

"I can't go sailin' into London River on a job like this," said the skipper. "It'll 'ave to be Yarmouth."

"Make it so," said Bilton. "I can't be with you; but send me my share in gold or postal orders, mind you, to this address, if we shouldn't 'appen to be layin' in your old 'arbour when you've done the deal."

He gave a slip of paper bearing his address to the skipper, and they entered the harbour.

When the captain of the Briton knew what had happened, he raved exceedingly. He condemned the skipper, the yawl, Bilton, and everybody and everything else, and talked about an action at law to recover the cost of the lost cable and anchor from the skipper. But he ended by compelling him to return to sea until the contract period was over; then he paid him off, and told him, in free language, what he thought of him.

Soon afterwards the skipper got to sea again, this time on a fishing trip. But it was noticed that he did not shoot his trawl until he was at the spot where he had been stationed on surveying duty for so many weeks. This spot he identified, in good North Sea fashion, by means of the lead, and his energy was rewarded by the trawl catching on the buoy of the lost property. Ultimately the anchor and cable were hauled on board, and the skipper steered the Blue Riband for Yarmouth Roads. Anchored there, he went ashore and had a secret meeting with the dealer of whom he had spoken to Bilton.

"An' it's the property o' the Royal Navy, eh?"

said the dealer.

"Not exactly that-it's salvage," answered the skipper uneasily. "If anything, it's the country's property-our own, you know, as we're ratepayers.'

"It's got a dashed dicky look about it," said the dealer, when the skipper in his simplicity had told him all. "An' if the Admiralty have you up afore 'em it'll be little short of a lifer."

"Don't," pleaded the skipper, with a shudder.

"I'd better not touch it," said the dealer, making as if he would walk off.

The skipper was chilled with fear. "It's worth two 'undrid pound," he whispered, clinging to Bilton's first

The dealer hesitated. The property certainly was of real value, and he had a ready market for it.

"Two 'undrid pound!" he laughed. "You mean shillin's."

"Pounds," asserted the skipper.

"Look 'ere," said the dealer, after a pause which to the seller was agonising. "I'll give you fifty."

"Done!" exclaimed the skipper eagerly. take it with me."

The dealer said "Very well," and put two sovereigns and a half on the table. "There you are," he added, with the air of a man who was doing a noble deed.

The skipper gasped. "What!" he cried, "fifty shillin's!"

"Of course," rejoined the dealer; "what d'ye suppose I meant?"

"Dash it!" exclaimed the skipper furiously. He smote the table and the coins danced.

The dealer jumped back in alarm.

"You're a rogue!" shouted the skipper.

"Repeat them words," said the dealer severely, "an' I'll fetch a bobby."

The skipper apologised promptly, humbly, and profusely. He had spoken, he said, in the heat of the moment.

"You've drove me," continued the dealer, "to go back on my offer. You can leave the stuff an' let me sell it on commission, or you can take it back with you. I'd rather you took it."

"I'll leave it," said the subdued skipper. "Do the best you can-an', whatever you do, don't let on. It 'ud be bad for a lot of us."

"Don't include me, please," said the dealer, accompanying his client to the door. "If there's to be any jailin' I'm not havin' any - remember that. Goodnight."

He watched the skipper go down to the beach and followed him. Having seen him enter his boat to return to the smack, he hastened to a steamer which was lying at the quayside, and invited the master, a foreign gentleman, to go with him to the store.

"Just the thing you want," he said, displaying the cable and anchor; "an' positively thrown at you for twenty pound."

The master of the tramp clinched the bargain, which was a good one, and one on which he could make a reasonable profit out of his employers, and had the things taken on board that night, as he was sailing with the early morning tide.

A few days later the dealer sent a letter to the skipper, "It's one of them things," he wrote, "that the less you say about the better. It's a good thing for us all that I've got rid of the chain an' anchor to a German tramp steamer that was in want of one. I nearly had to give her captain something to take it away; but as it was I was fortunate. There was a bit of something for both of us. I'm keeping my share, and inclose yours herewith, for which I send a postal order payable to bearer for one pound sterling."

The skipper, speechless and hopeless, sent the postal order and the letter on to Bilton, who, after reading it, uttered much fervent language concerning both the old man and the dealer.

"It's a pity," he murmured, "that when the scoundrel slipped the cable, the chain didn't nip 'im round the calf an' take 'im with it."

AMERICAN ENTERPRISE: PHILANTHROPIC AND INDUSTRIAL.

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PUBLIC PROVISION FOR THE POOR OF NEW YORK: RECREATION PIER TO BE OPENED ON MAY 30.



THE ST. LOUIS WORLD'S FAIR, 1904: THE CAPITOL, DENVER, TO BE REPRODUCED IN 10 000,000 DOLLARS' WORTH OF GOLD.



THE ST. LOUIS WORLD'S FAIR: THE EXHIBITION IN COURSE OF CONSTRUCTION, VIEWED FROM THE ROOF OF THE EDUCATION BUILDING.



THE ST. LOUIS WORLD'S FAIR: THE CENTRAL PORTICO OF THE VARIED INDUSTRIES BUILDING FROM THE SOUTH.



THE ST. LOUIS WORLD'S FAIR: THE VARIED INDUSTRIES BUILDING, WITH THE TOWER OF THE ELECTRICITY BUILDING ON THE LEFT.



THE ST. LOUIS WORLD'S FAIR: THE VARIED INDUSTRIES BUILDING VIEWED FROM THE NORTH-WEST.

THE LABOUR DISPUTE IN HOLLAND: TYPES OF THE DUTCH ARMY.

THE ARMIES OF THE WORLD: No. VIII. DE MY P. H. W. KOEKKOFK, OUR SP. IN A. ... IN H. IVAND.

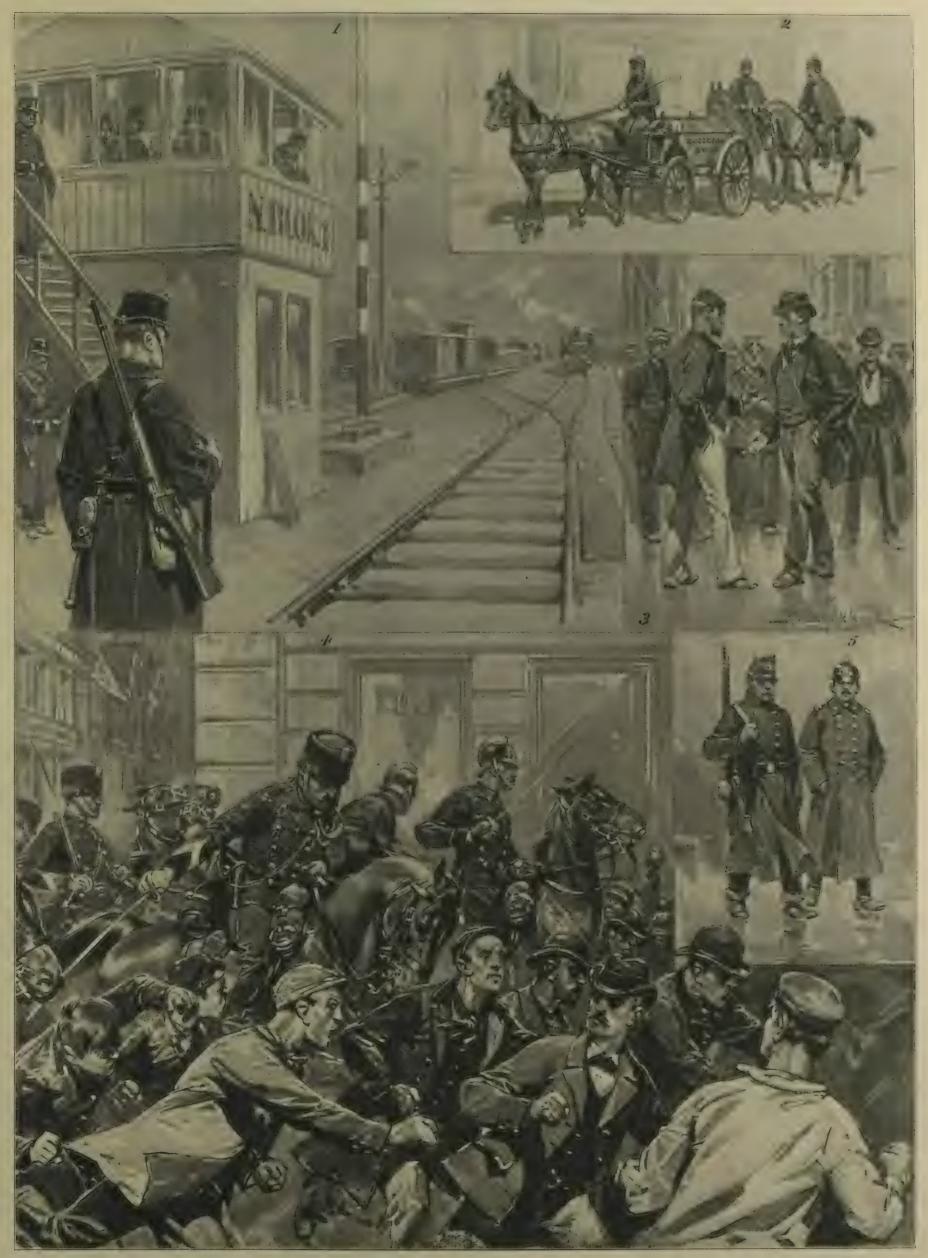


I. HUSSARS RECONNOITRING. 2. THE HORSE ARTILLERY. 3. INFANTRY ON THE MARCH (FIELD SERVICE ORDER). 4. WINTER MANŒUVRES: AN INFANTRY PATROL ON SKATES. 5. A CORPORAL OF THE GARRISON ARTILLERY.

The Dutch army, which has come into some prominence in connection with the labour dispute, consists, on a home footing, of 1630 officers and 62,000 men, strengthened by the 123,000 men of the "Schuttery," or civic guard.

THE LABOUR DISPUTE IN HOLLAND: SCENES IN AND NEAR AMSTERDAM.

DRAWN BY H. W. KOEKKOEK, OUR SPECIAL ARTIST IN HOLLAND.



1. THE MILITARY GUARDING A SIGNAL-BOX ON THE RAILWAY.
2. A BAKER'S CART ESCORTED BY MOUNTED POLICE.

5. SCHUTTERY (CIVIC GUARD) AND POLICE PATROLLING THE ROADS.

The expected strike of the Dutch railway men, a direct protest against the Anti-Strike Bill, was decided upon at a secret meeting held in the Palais de l'Industrie at midnig : on April 5. The railway men involved were joined by the dockers, the staff of the shipping companies, builders, the diamond-cutters, ship-yard rivetters and mechanics, the bakers, and some of the municipal employés. The total number of strikers is estimated at 25,000. The troops were called out immediately the strike was proclaimed.

^{3.} STRIKERS DISCUSSING THE SITUATION.
4. THE MOUNTED POLICE DISPERSING A CROWD.

LITERATURE.

NOTES ON NEW BOOKS.

The Grey Wig: Stories and Novelettes. By Israel Zangwill. (London: Heinemann. 08.)
The Diverted Village. By Grace Rhys. (London: Methuen. 08.)
In the Tail of the Peacock. By Isabel Savory. (London: Hutchinson.

10s.)
In the Garden of Charity. By Basil King. (London and New York: Harper. 6s.)
Greater Russia, the Continental Empire of the Old World. By Wirt Gerrare. With Illustrations and a Map. (London: Heinemann. 18s.)
Tolstov's Plays. Tianslated by Louise and Aylmer Maude. (London: Grant Richards. 6s.)
Sundials and Roses of Yesterday. By Alice Morse Earle. (New York: Macmillan. 10s. 6d.)

The volume of eight stories "embracing his newest and oldest work" should afford a pleasant critical problem to Mr. Zangwill's admirers. There is certainly no immaturity to be detected in any of them, except the one vulgarity of making a man speak of his friend as "The Honourable Tolly," and the overstrained "Big Bow Mystery." One at least, "The Grey Wig," we remember to have read in a magazine, and it is add that the outburster the results of odd that the author omits the usual acknowledgments. It is a very clever study of two old French ladies, and suggests the thought that Mr. Zangwill is most

successful in his women—he describes the book as "mainly a study of woman"—when he is treating of those byways of the feminine soul which have nothing to do with love. He has a certain hardness, a want of sympathy, when endeavouring to describe the tender emotions. Too much of a philosopher to write a good love romance, he uses his keen gift of observation to reproduce admirably little freaks of character. Odd little ignorances at times show where he has ceased to be the observer, and has used facts gathered at second-hand. Thus, the "blue jay" is not a British bird, and only a townsman would believe it to be For the townsman might have noticed that a stuffed British jay has some blue feathers. Again, in the "Serio-Comic Governess"—a story clever enough in its way—there has obviously been conscientious literary cramming of the conventional literary presentment of Irish people. But as obviously Mr. Zangwill has never carefully studied either an Irish gentlewoman or an Irish officer. These little things blemish, for some of us, the hard brilliant polish of the work, but the majority will not detect the flaws. The book is quite without padding: each member of the eight deserves its place. And, to carry on the metaphor, the book should triumphantly bump most current volumes of fiction.

Mrs. Rhys has produced, in collaboration with her husband and an anonymous artist, an amusing holiday book. It is a simple tale of a man of science and his wife who receive from a departed aunt the legacy of a cottage in Norfolk. Their children, Mike and Penelope, are delightful creations; indeed, Penelope, are delightful creations; indeed, all the characters in the book, even down to Polyphemus the cat and Diogenes the donkey, have strongly marked individualities which are drawn with a wonderfully light yet firm touch. The struggles of these good people with their garden, which when they arrived presented a remarkably vigorous crop of weeds; their attitude to the vigorous crop of weeds; their attitude to the village, and the village's amiable tolerance of them; the old rector, and Miss Clipsy, the middle-aged gentlewoman — all this and much, else is described with equal humour and sympathy. Perhaps Mrs. Rhys is most successful in her portrayal of Thomas Matt, the gardener, who always gets his own way in spite of his mistress's dallyings with seed-merchants and vendors of little trees. The children are real children, and there is one capital picture which shows them holding a Revivalist meeting with the assistance of thirteen or fourteen battered dolls and a humorous-looking elephant. It was then that Mike preached from the text, "Jupiter loveth a cheerful giver." the village's amiable tolerance of them; the phant. It was then that Mike preached from the text, "Jupiter loveth a cheerful giver."

We wish, however, to protest against To Mrs. Rhys's absurd picture of a nursery governess from Normandy. She is made quite unnecessarily objectionable—thievish, prudish, and cruel—for she makes Diogenes go by stabbing him with a hat-pin. How would Mrs. Rhys like such a caricature-portrait of an English governess in France?

in France?

Miss Savory finds the title for her book in the Moorish proverb which asserts that "The Earth is a peacock and Morocco is the tail of it"; and she found the material for it during five or six months' residence and travel in the country. She and her companion, Miss Bainbridge, spent the better part of their stay in a Moorish garden-house a few miles outside the walls of Tetuan; and after three months spent in studying the people and rambling about the neighbourhood, took ship to Mogador and rode thence to Marrakesh. Miss Savory's enterprise marks a refreshing impatience of ordinary tourist methods, and her contempt of very real dangers must have impressed a people able to appreciate courage and enterprise a people able to appreciate courage and energy so foreign to the character of their own womenkind. The graceful indolence of the Moors, their seeming contentment under tyrannical government, and the mysteries of their domestic life attracted the author; and, thanks to the good offices of lady medical missionaries, she was able to make acquaintance with the feminine world of the Mohammedan upper classes behind the curtain." The lady traveller in Moslem countries has an advantage over the man, inasmuch as half the social picture is necessarily hidden from the

latter; but Miss Savory's book furnishes further proof that for the minuteness of observation which makes for completeness the woman is by far the more satisfactory chronicler. The author has absorbed the spirit of the country, and her pages are redolent of its atmosphere. She contrives to bring before us the tradesman's cupboard shop, the market, the harem, and the country carden with a count garden with equal distinctness; and as she has availed herself of the knowledge of others whose long residence in Morocco has given them insight into Moorish institu-tions and beliefs, her book is really informing as well as

The deliberate bigamist is rare in the pages of fiction, and, when met with, is commonly regarded as a fitting subject for burlesque. In the pages of "In the Garden of Charity," Basil King takes him seriously; and certainly the two wives to whom we are introduced had cause to do likewise. But in spite of the writter best efforts, we are not convinced. That Charity the had cause to do likewise. But in spite of the writer's best efforts, we are not convinced. That Charity, the owner of the garden, the good and injured wife, should take to her bosom not only Hagar, but her infant, seems, in the nature of things, improbable, more particularly when one has regard to the character of the said. Hagar's charms. To use Sandy Boutilier's phrase, "She's a wench as makes you feel as if your tea was grog every time she looks at you." Truly, Charity suffered long and was kind.



A LITERARY LANDMARK RECENTLY SOLD: OLIVER GOLDSMITH'S HOUSE IN WINE OFFICE COURT.

To No. 6, Wine Office Court, Dr. Goldsmith removed in 1760. There Dr. Johnson, dressed with unusual scrupulosity, came to supper; for he had heard that Goldsmith had quoted him as an example of sloventiness.

But, these things apart, there is much to praise in the careful writing and construction of the narrative. These dwellers on the wild and lonely coast of Nova Scotia are depicted with that intimate personal touch which betrays not only knowledge, but comprehension. The slow, dry wit, the mixture of simplicity and shrewdness are characteristic of the Celtic peasant everywhere, and are well exemplified in Jonas Boutilier, though he would doubtless have disclaimed any merit in them: 'If I've got a bit o' sense stowed about me here and there it comes from thinking over the things as my two wives has said to me, and to which, when they said 'em, I didn't pay no heed. It's a blessed privilege to ha' had two wives, Ma'am.' Jonas, we should explain, is not the higamist in question: we have him, like Oliver Twist, still asking for more.

Most people will very probably think that Russia is a sufficiently wide geographical expression by itself. Mr. Wirt Gerrare has, however, prefixed the word "Greater" to the title of his book on this "Continental Empire of the Old World," and by that one adjective alone will set his readers thinking. If the Russia of to-day be only comparatively great, what will the size of that Empire be when it will have reached the superlative degree of geographical expansion? That is a question which may well stagger the imagination. Mr. Gerrare suggests it—he hardly formulates it; his attempt to answer it is perhaps insufficiently definite.

The public do not like nowadays to have to think; expect their thinking to be done for them, and to be offered ready-made, cut-and-dried solutions for every problem. Mr. Gerrare is too cautious, and, moreover, knows his subject too well, to settle the question of Russian expansion off-hand. While he has considerable sympathy with the Russian people and the Russian point of view, ne is not blind to the many faults of the present system of government. He is fully alive to the prevailing discontent, but overrates the superficially apparent industrial prosperity of the country. He seems apparent industrial prosperity of the country. He seems to indicate that England must soon be prepared to meet and combat the combined forces of Russia and France in China, and shows how heavily she has handicapped herself for the impending struggle. Her only trustworthy ally is Japan. We rise from a perusal of this book with a feeling that England's only hope lies in a possible revolution in Russia. The author has studied his subject well and is saturated with the studied his subject well, and is saturated with the history and literature of the country he describes. His descriptions of the actual condition of things, though occasionally slightly misleading, nevertheless reveal his practical knowledge of contemporary life. In other words, his acquaintance with Russia is not merely that of the theoretical student. His book is bright and readable, and full of amusing anecdotes, besides abounding in luminous sentences which are more than simply felicitous, such as the following, for instance:

"It was only her methods of conquest which were unnecessarily, severe, possibly because Russia is weak, and when the weak have an opportunity to show power they are usually more cruel than the strong"; and "As a pation Pursii is less competitive than Great and the strong are the strong and "As a pation Pursii is less competitive than Great and the strong are the strong are the strong are the strong and the strong are the s nation, Russia is less combative than Great Britain, and consequently her extension has Britain, and consequently her extension has been along the line of least resistance.

The line of least resistance is taken only by moving bodies of small momentum and low velocity, so is evidence of weakness, not strength." As a description of Siberia the book is instructive and amusing, though the table is persistently a little involved. The style is occasionally a little involved. The illustrations are numerous, but are for the most part reproductions of photographs, and are not sufficiently clear to be of much assistance to the reader. By the way, we wonder what the author means by "free peasants." Theoretically, all Russian peasants are free; in practice, nobody is "free" in Russia.

Tolstoy is a great writer, but he is no dramatist. He does not attach any impor-tance to his plays, and he hinted this very plainly to his English translator, Mr. Aylmer Maude. Except those admirers of Tolstoy who regard him as an apostle, and treat every line from his pen as if it were Holy Writ, most readers of his dramas, we imagine, will think that the translators have wasted their think that the translators have wasted their time. They complain of the difficulty of finding English equivalents for the vernacular which Tolstoy puts into the mouths of his peasants. We can appreciate that difficulty when we find the woman who has committed a murder ejaculating, "Oh, my poor head!" and the brutal sot, for whose sake she has poisoned her husband, summing up the situation with, "Here's a go!" When the Tolstoy disciples naïvely express surprise that "The Power of Darkness" has not been produced on the English stage, we can only say there is a limit to the English relish for the grotesque. Tolstoy has a moral purpose, of course, in this drama of the squalid vice which leads to infanticide; but he does not succeed in giving the habits of Russian succeed in giving the habits of Russian peasants a cosmopolitan interest. The play is really a tract which ends with one of those sudden conversions so dear to Revivalists. In this volume we find a comedy, "Fruits of Culture," which Tolstoy wrote "simply for my own friends and children to act at home." It is intended to be funny, but it bears the melancholy impress of all private theatricals. "Brimful of laughter and merriment," says Mr. Maude, "it is enough by itself to refute Mr. Maude, "it is enough by itself to refute the accusation sometimes brought against Tolstoy, that he lacks humour." Four acts of a crude practical joke at the expense of people who believe in Spiritualism are not enough to set up Tolstoy as a humorist. Even here we have the everlasting Russian peasants with the interminable repetition of their grievance that they have "so little land." Economically that may be true; but it is not conducing to laughter and

they have "so little land." Economically that may be true; but it is not conducive to laughter and merriment. The translators would really have earned our gratitude if they had left Tolstoy's fun in the original Russian.

Sic transit hora—the hour passes indeed, but Mrs. Earle has determined that it shall not pass and leave us poorer. Upon her new volume, "Sundials and Roses of Yesterday," Mrs. Earle has lavished a wealth of or resterday, Mrs. Earle has lavished a wealth of curious learning, and her publishers have seconded her most ably in the matter of excellent illustrations and fine printing. The chapter on noon-marks and spot-dials is particularly interesting, giving many practical instances of this primitive method of fixing the time of day. Mrs. Earle writes gracefully of the charm and sentiment which attaches to the sundial, but she does not forced to speak also of its history electrician. not forget to speak also of its history, classification, and construction; indeed, the intimate manner of narration betrays the greatness of her knowledge. Many mottoes commonly used on dial stones are given, and the history of the sentence which adorns the dial in the Inner Temple should be interesting to Londoners: The dial-maker, as he had been instructed, asked for "the motto for the new sundial Sir." "Begone about your business!" was the testy "Begone about your business!" was the testy reply; and the dial-maker departed, satisfied. In her treatment of roses, too, Mrs. Earle is not less happy.

THE AGITATION TO ARREST INUNDATION IN NORTHERN IRELAND: SCENES ON THE SHORES OF LOUGH NEAGH .

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THE IMMENSE EXTENT OF SUBMERGED LAND: THE SCENE FROM THE BRIDGE, PORTADOWN.



THE SCENE OF THE INUNDATION AT DERRYANVILLE.



THE HEIGHT OF THE FLOODS BEYOND THE ORDINARY RIVER LEVEL, PORTADOWN BRIDGE.

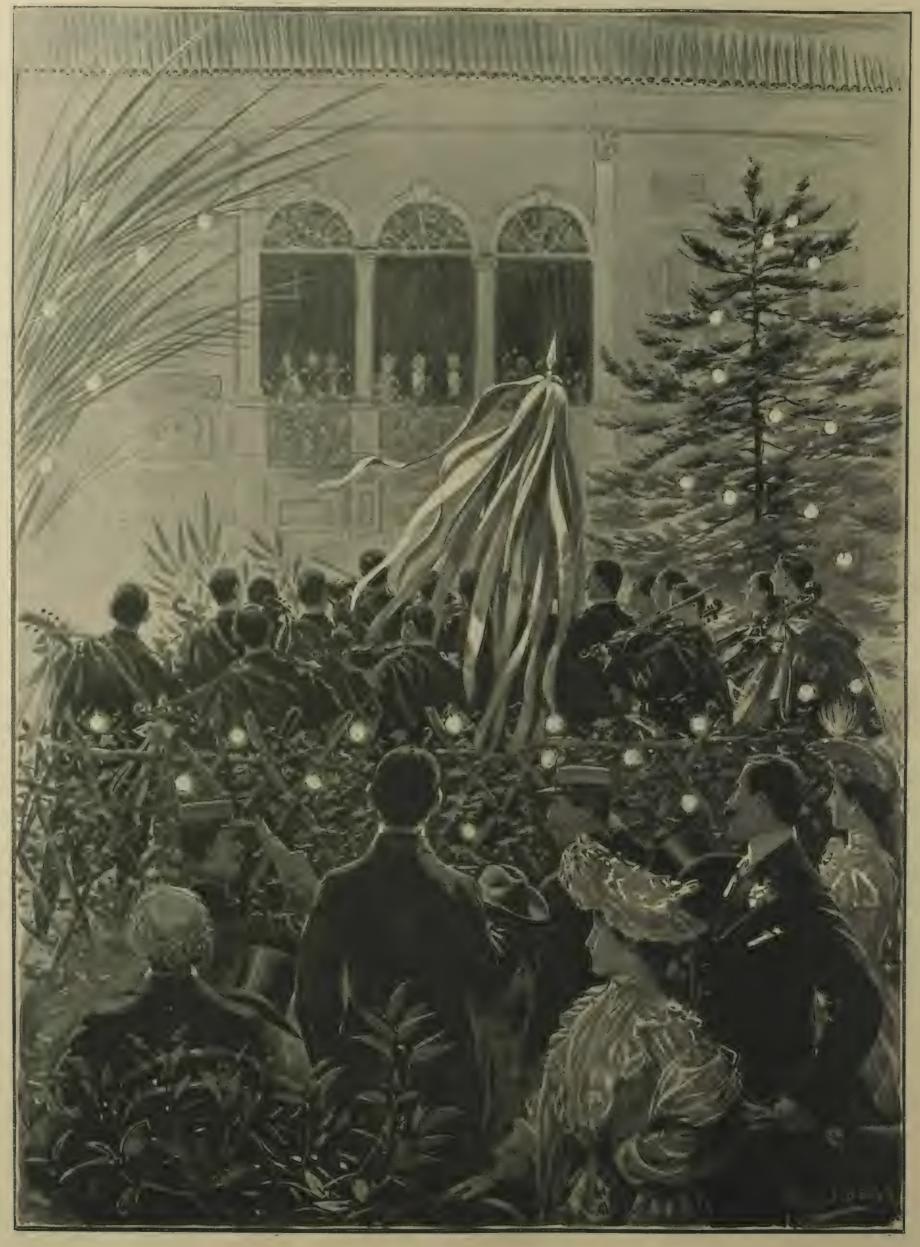


THE DISADVANTAGE TO AGRICULTURE THROUGH THE CONTINUOUS INUNDATION:
A HOUSE AND FARM FLOODED.

A great deal of misery has been caused on the shores of Lough Neagh by the periodic overflow of the Upper Bann. In that district great stretches of land are under water. A local committee has been agitating to secure relief, and the district has already contributed L166,500 towards a system of drainage, which has proved useless. The people are, nevertheless, willing to contribute a further £8000 to secure relief.

THE KING'S TOUR: HIS MAJESTY WATCHING THE ILLUMINATION OF THE TAGUS.

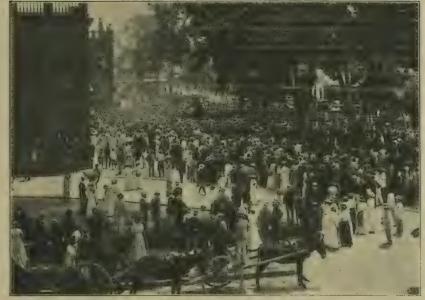
DRAWN BY S. BEGG FROM SKETCHES BY ALLAN SLEWART, OUR SPECIAL ARTIST ACCOMPANYING THE KING.



KING EDWARD AND DOM CARLOS ON THE BALCONY OF THE FINE ARTS MUSEUM.

MR. Stewart writes: "I enclose sketches of a pretty incident which occurred on Friday night (April 3) at the Fine Arts Museum, where the King went to view the illuminations on the river and the fireworks. Immediately below the windows where the King stood was a raised platform standing in the middle of a garden surrounded by a rustic trellis-work. Lights were twinkling between the trees. The students' band of violins, mandolines, and guitars played and sang 'God Save the King' in English. The pyrotechnic devices included two views of Windsor Castle."

THE WATERWORKS RIOT IN FORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD, MARCH 23: SCENES OF THE OUTBREAK.



THE BEGINNING OF THE RIOT: THE CROWD GATHERING ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE "RED HOUSE," 10 A.M., MARCH 23.



A MASS MEETING ON THE WATER ORDINANCE: MR. NANCO ADDRESSING
THE CROWD IN THE PUBLIC SAVANNAH.



AN INCIDENT OF THE FIRING ON THE MOB AT PORT OF SPAIN, MARCH 23.

Drawn by A. Forestifr from a Sketch by an Eve-Witness.

The shooting resulted in the death of sixteen persons, including a little girl of twelve and a schoolboy of fourteen. Thirty-eight civiliars and ten condition were a reviel.



THE BURNT GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS: THE FRONT, WHERE THE FIRE BEGAN.

Note the official papers strewn in the foreground.



THE RIOTERS' WORK: THE GUTTED "RED HOUSE," OR GOVERNMENT . BUILDING, AFTER THE FIRE.

THE KING'S TOUR. THE STATE VISIT TO THE OPERA AT LISBON.

DRAWN BY S. BEGG FROM SKETCHES BY ALLAN STEWART, OUR SPECIAL ARTIST ACCOMPANYING HIS MAJESTY



THE RECEPTION OF KING EDWARD AND DOM CARLOS BY THE AUDIENCE AT THE GALA PERFORMANCE AT THE SAO CARLOS THEATRE, APRIL 4.

Our Special Artist, Mr. Allan Stewart, writes: "The theatre was glittering with colour, and the Kings received a great oration, the auditorium being hidden by waving handkerchiefs and hats.

The royal party stood up while the band played 'God Save the King' and the Portuguese National Anthem. This scene was repeated at the beginning of each act."

MISS ELLEN TERRY'S PRODUCTION OF IBSEN'S PLAY, "THE VIKINGS."

SKETCHES BY RALPH CLEAVER.



A DRESS REHEARSAL AT THE IMPERIAL THEATRE.

THE BRITISH DOMINIONS BEYOND THE SEAS.—No. XIX.: NEW SOUTH WALES.

DRAWN BY R. CATON WOODVILLE.



THE FOUNDATION OF SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA'S OLDEST CITY, BY CAPTAIN L. PHILLIP: AN INSPECTION OF THE CONVICT SETTLERS.

In 1770 Captain James Cook sailed round New Zealand in the "Endeavour," and, visiting the eastern coast of Australia, noted the fine scenery of Botany Bay, and eventually took peaceable possession of a large tract of country which he named New South Wales. The first colonists—seven hundred and fifty-seven convicts—arrived at Botany Bay in January 1788. Sydney, the capital of New South Wales and the oldest city in Australia, was founded in the same year by Captain L. Phillip—the British officer who had been commissioned to establish the penal settlement—and was named after Viscount Sydney, then Secretary of State for the Colonies.

SCIENCE JOTTINGS

BY DR. ANDREW WILSON.

The chief topic of scientific interest of recent days has undoubtedly been represented by the peculiar qualities of a certain new element and metal to which the name of "radium" has been given. The history of the subject may be said to date back some time, to the discovery of radium by M. and Madame Curie of Paris. They appear to have obtained it from a certain mineral known as pitchblende. More recently at the hands of M. Curie and M. Laborde the properties of radium M. Curie and M. Laborde the properties of landin have undergone a fairly extensive investigation. In the first place, it was found to represent one of a class of bodies which possess the power of emitting into space certain "rays"—or, shall we say, forms of energy?—without apparently suffering that loss of substance which is naturally associated with all forms of physical expenditure.

The information at hand regarding the nature of radium rays and their properties is sufficient in extent to stimulate us all in eagerly anticipating further revelations. In the first place, radium possesses a power of maintaining a continuous heat-supply. Experiments of exact nature made by MM. Curie and Laborde amply demonstrate this point. As we shall see, it is the explanation of this heat-emission without any apparent source of renewal that constitutes one of the main problems connected with 'radium and its ways and works. The exact estimate, in fact, is that one gramme (fifteen grains) of pure radium is capable of gramme (fifteen grains) of pure radium is capable of giving off per hour heat equal to that produced by the combustion in oxygen of a gramme atom of hydrogen gas. The rate at which radium - atoms, presumably the source of the heat, are discharged, is said to be that of light-waves—186,000 miles per second. Sir Oliver Lodge, writing of the emission of these atoms, remark that as they are not of a kind capable of penetrating bodies, but are easily stopped by obstacles, a thin layer of air would suffice for their arrest. This arrest implies the development of heat; much in the same way as the sudden arrest of the motion of a bullet by impact on the target develops a like result. The source of the heat being thus near to the radium itself, that source, it is added, would tend to be kept warm.

Furthermore, by keeping radium in a small chamber with walls through which the atoms or rays could not pass, such a chamber might conceivably be made quite hot, this result being contingent on the fact that the assumed source of energy on which the radium draws had free access to it. Sir O. Lodge tells us that if this had free access to it. Sir O. Lodge tells us that if this experiment were conducted in the open, so that the heat could accumulate for one minute before escaping, the rise of temperature would amount to one and a half degrees (Centigrade). Other facts about radium are interesting. This being a very rare element, it is said literally to be worth its weight not in gold, but in diamonds. There is probably not anything like half a pound weight of it in existence—that is, for experimental purposes—at present. It is said that a pound of radium in a room would constitute a source of danger—presumably from its heat-emitting properties—of formidpresumably from its heat-emitting properties—of formidable kind. A few grains contained in a glass tube and carried in the waistcoat pocket would burn the body of its possessor. Concisely stated, the problem of radium, so far as science can state it at present; appears to be that of the source of the atoms with which this substance is bombarding everything in its neighbour-hood. This bombardment develops heat, and the further problem is presented in the shape of the inquiry how it is that radium, in the absence of any apparent source or renewal of supply, is capable of emitting energy continuously?

To appreciate the full import of this inquiry it is needful to fall back upon an elementary principle of An epoch-making view in physical research was that which taught the world that the varied forms of energy which dominate the universe are interchangeable; or that, in other words, heat, light, electricity, magnetism, and so forth, were capable each of being converted into the other. This is the doctrine of the correlation of forces. Again, on the ex nihilo nihil fit principle, we know practically that to get a supply of energy we have to expend energy, or, in plain language, to pay for it. If we want steam - power, we have to buy coal, and out of the energy supplied by the black jewels we develop our power. If we could get electricity or electric light for nothing, we should have no tram-fares to pay and no electric light bills to sattle. Science may and does show us cheaper to settle. Science may, and does, show us cheaper ways than before of getting power, but it can never reduce the cost of energy-production to nothingness. With these doctrines and facts in mind—that we can neither create nor destroy matter or energy, but can only alter and change and transform their states—we may perceive clearly enough the great interest with which the case of radium is invested

If it is continually giving off energy in the form of heat, that heat must be manufactured or derived. It It must represent cannot come into existence per se. cannot come into existence per se. It must represent the transformation of energy of one kind into force of another kind; just as when one rubs one's hands together on a cold morning, the development of warmth by friction represents the conversion of so much muscular motion (derived from the energy in our food) into heat. No chemical views at present extant can explain the action of radium, for the quantity of heat produced alone presents difficulties from can explain the action of radium, for the quantity of heat produced alone presents difficulties from the purely chemical side. The only theory which would explain things is that which sees in radium a substance capable, in a mysterious fashion, of utilising some source or other of energy of which nothing is known, or it may be of bringing some known force into play in a fashion unrepresented elsewhere. it may be that the science of the future will add to the resources of mankind in the way of force-production when the mystery of radium is solved.

CHESS.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications for this department should be addressed to Chess Editor.

MAX J MEYER (Bournemouth).—We regret pressure on our space limits our notice, but we were much interested in your letter and article, and sympathise with the views they express.

W F RUSSELL (Hackney).—No; if the capture is made, Black loses right off. It is not bad practice for you to try and find out how this comes about

F RANDLE.—The ordinary problem shall receive attention, but the conditional position is unsuitable for this column.

G E R GAUNT (Pontefract).—The problem shall be examined and reported

J PAUL TAYLOR, G STILLINGTHIEL JOHNSON, and IRVING CHAPIN (Philadelphia).—Your problems are respectively marked for insertion.

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Correct Solution of Problem No. 3072 received from Basil Tree (Camberwell); of No. 3073 from G Lill (Gringley-on-Hill), Basil Tree, and Frank W Atchinson (Crowthorne); of No. 3074 from James W North, Fire Plug, Basil Tree (Camberwell), Ciel (Eastbourne), A G (Pancsova), W A Lillico (Glasgow), F B (Worthing), Captain J A Challice (Great Yarmouth), Marco Salem (Bologna), and W d'A Barnard (Uppingham).

CORRECT SOLUTIONS OF PROBLEM No. 2075 received from William Combes, Mrs. Wilson (Plymouth), Martin F, F W Russell, Charles Burnett, Herbert A Salway, Reginald Gordon, Sorrento, W A Lillico (Glasgow), Shadforth, F J S (Hampstead), T Roberts, W D Easton (Sunderland), R Worters (Canterbury), J D Tucker (Ilkley), F Randle, Edith Corser (Reigate), J F G Pietersen (Kingswinford), Rev. A Mays (Bedford), and J W (Campsie).

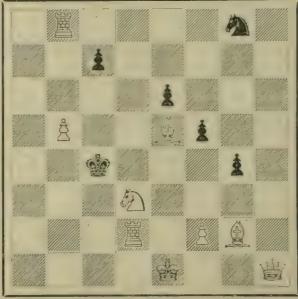
SOLUTION OF PROBLEM No. 3074.—By P. H. WILLIAMS.

WHITE.

1. R takes P
2. Q takes P (ch)
3. Q or Kt mates

If Black play r. K takes Kt. 2. R takes B (ch); if r. B takes P, 2 R to K 7th (ch) r. P to B 5th, 2, R takes B; and if r. Anything, then 2. R takes B P (ch), and 3. R mates

PROBLEM No. 3077.-By Max Feigl. BLACK



White to play, and mate in three moves

CHESS IN MONTE CARLO. Game played between Messrs, Maroczy and Wolf.

(R113	Lopez.)	
WHITE (Mr. M.) BLACK (Mr. W.) WHITE (Mr. M.)	BLACK (Mr. W.)
1. P to K 4th P to K 4th 2. Kt to K B 3rd Kt to Q B 3rd	Bishop; but he appears of his coming fate.	totally unconscious
3. B to Kt 5th 4. Castles 5. P to Q 4th 6. Kt takes P B to Q 2nd	16. P to K 5th 17. Kt to K 4th Winning by force. I	R to K sq Q to B sq From the 14th move
7. Kt to Q R 3rd B to K 2nd 8. P to Q Kt 3rd Kt takes Kt o. Q takes Kt B takes B	to finish the attack is a forcible strategy, whe its proper place and valu	re every stroke has
These exchanges are all in White's favour His game is well developed, and every piec is free for action. 10. Kt takes B Kt to Q 2nd II. B to R 3rd P to Q R 3rd I2. Kt to B 3rd B to B 3rd I3. Q to K 3rd Castles I4. Q R to Q sq Kt to Kt 3rd I would have been better to take oil the	18. Kt takes B (ch) 19. Q to Kt 3rd (ch) 20. P takes P 21. Q to R 4th 22. R takes P Ingenious but futile behind it.	K to R sq R to K Kt sq P takes P R takes P (ch)
Knight at once, Black perhaps did not car to hight an ending with Knight agains		Resigns.

Another game in the tournament between Messrs, Wolf and Taubenhaus,

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WHITE (Mr. W.)	BLACK (Mr. T.)	WHITE (Mr. W.)	BLACK (Mr. T.
r. P to K 4th	P to K 4th	15. B to R 3rd	R to K sq
2. Kt to K B 3rd	Kt to Q B 3rd	16. KR to Q sq	B to Q and
3. B to B 4th	B to B 4th	17. R to Q 6th	
1. P to B 3rd	Kt to B 3rd	Very strong, and prep	aratory to some fi
5. P to Q 4th	P takes P	play	
6. P takes P	B to Kt 5th (ch)		Q to B 2nd
7. Kt to B 3rd	P to Q 3rd	18. B to Kt 3rd	B to B 3rd
8. P to Q 5th	B takes Kt (ch)	19. R takes Kt	
9. P takes B	Kt to K 2nd	The ending is now cu	riously like the ga
10. Castles	Castles	given above, with the st	riking difference th
11. Q to Q 4th	P to B 4th	well played by White.	while here. It
The beginning of tro		19.	P takes R
no need to open a si		20. O to Kt 3ra (ch)	
adverse Bishops when K Kt ard was available.	a move like Ki to	21. Q to R 4th	K to Kt and
12. P tks P en pass.		22. O to Kt 3rd (ch)	
13. Q to K 3rd	Kt to K oth	23. Q to R 4th	K to Kt 2nd
Accentuating the en		24. R to K sq	P to B 4th
move. Now he clears	a range for his oppo-	25. Q to Kt 5th (ch)	K to R sq
nent's Rooks and Bisho	ops at one blow.	26. Q to B 6th (ch)	K to Kt sq
14. Kt takes Kt	P takes Kt	27. P takes P	Resigns.

The chess editor of Brighton and Hove Society announces a problem tourney for three-movers, to be held partly with Das Neue Illustrivite Blatt, the well-known Austrian journal. A considerable list of prizes is offered, and the judges are Mr. B. G. Laws and Dr. E. Mazel.

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TO ABOLISH PROFANITY.

"Hi! hi!" shouted Father William, and shook his long stick at me.

There was no threat in this action; it is the old man's way of attracting attention, and as his persistence is as great as his age, it is best to give in at once. So I jumped off my bicycle and waited for him to come down the garden-path from the corner where he had been setting his traps

"How are you this morning, Father William?"

I said.
"Werry sadly indeed, thank ye kindly, Sir," he answered. "I'm wunnerful shrunk." He twitched the red shawl more tightly round his shoulder to show he was not as big as he looked, and seeing that he was

was not as big as he looked, and seeing that he was disposed to be melancholy, I thought I would rouse him. "Don't you think those traps of yours are very cruel things to keep about the place?" I inquired. The question succeeded instantly.

"'Tain't likely," he snapped. "They 're for varmints, an' I've a right to catch as many o' they as I can. When th' old Squire were alive, 'e never didn't say nothin' to me about un, an' now 'e's gone, nebody shall. I do my douty by you an' by everyone: nobody shall. I do my dooty by you an' by everyone; but I've my rights, an' by them I'll bide, an' no mistake.'' He paused for a moment, leaning heavily

on his stick and staring most defiantly.

"But there now," he continued, with returning breath, "it ain't for that I called ye. I've suthin' 'portant to say to ye, an' I'm an old man in me nineties, an' I'd like ye to take ut down. Come in a minute won't ye?"

a minute, won't ye?"

He led the way to his cottage and sat down in his armchair by the fire. He looked round at the white blackbird, the wild cat, and the big stoat in their glass cases, and remarked angrily, "Caught all o' they in traps, I did; an' th' Squire, e' said, 'That's werry clever on ye, William,' that's what 'e said; an' I'm not deceivin' ye—'tain't likely." He paused again

for wind.
"It's like this," he began at last: "th' policeman "It's like this," he began at last: "th' policeman looked in last night, an' 'e says, 'Father Willium,' 'e says, 'there's a law a-comin' in force this werry year to 'bolish swearin', an' punish them what swears.' 'An' a good thing, too, John,' I says; for I don't swear, as all th' world knows, an' 'tain't right that others should. An' then 'e went away, an' I've been thinkin' o' what 'e said, an' I've suthin' for ye to write down.

I produced my note-book and "stylo," and waited

reproduced by note-book and stylo, and waited patiently for what was to come.

"I'm a werry old man," said Father William, when he had stirred the fire into a blaze, and wrapped the red shawl more closely round him. "I'm in me nineties, an' maybe I'll be took afore that law comes in. So I want ye to take down some o' th' names o' there what is been a swearis' in this part, for sixty

in. So I want ye to take down some o' th' names o' them what's been a-swearin' in this part for sixty year an' more, an' if I'm gone gie them to th' magistrate. If so be I can't see un punished mysel', I'll know it'll be done." I made no comment, and waited patiently for the black list.

"There's old Jack Martin," began the veteran; "but no, 'e's dead this two year, more's th' pity, for 'e did swear wunnerful 'ard, 'e did, an' ye can't deny ut—nobody can't. But there 's 'is son—boy Jack, as I called un to separate un fr' 'is father—an' many's th' time 'e's swore—ay, swore at me, th' varmint! Put un down—boy Jack, wot lives agin' th' mill."

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"Boy Jack," who must be nearer seventy than sixty, by the way, and still works on the land as a ploughman, went at the head of the list, and I waited.

"Put th' shepherd down," whispered the old man.

"E went on shameful 'cos 'is dog caught 'isself in one o' th' traps, th' fool. I've been werry good to th' shepherd—taught him all 'e knows; but I'll ha' no more to do wi' un. Put un down.

"Then there's th' looker," continued Father William thoughtfully; "an' I don't care for un if 'e do be the looker. 'E shan't come tellin' me to take care there ain't no rabbits caught i' they traps yonder. Put un down; an' do you tell th' Bench 'e swears shameful, and ye won't be tellin' no lie, for I've heerd un, an' many's th' time."

"Thinks a might o' 'isself, no doubt," continued my neighbour angrily; "but I mind 'is father wot was fined for bein' drunk fifty year agoo, an' 'is mother. Well, I'll say nowt about 'er, but she were a rum un, an' many's th' tales I've been told. But I don't go tattlin' about other folk's business, an' nobody can't say I do.

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"Put down th' miller," he went on; "an' Joe Dove, wot warks on Wiseman's land. An' put down Joe Straw, wot goes to th' Wheatsheaf as though it was all 'isn sin' 'e got a fortune left un by an uncle 'e never seed. Foorteen shillin' a week 'e's got now, an' no need to wark for ut; but mebbe th' Bench will take some of ut, for 'e's a foul tongue between 'is teeth, an' no mistake. I 'member 'im w'en 'e warked on th' Mushes f'r seven shillin' a week; lor! an' 'e were as thin as me. An' now 'e sits in 'is garden tendin' 'is taters an' tomaties like any lord in th' land. But I ain't forgotten wot 'e was, 'tain't likely, an' 'e shan't say 'is taters are better nor mine.

"There's a man wot comes fr' Market Waldron on the 'ill," said Father William; "drives down onst a week i' th' summer wi' ginger-beer, an' pots an' pans, an' lamp ile, an' fresh fish fr' Lunnon. "Tain't no more nor sixteen year agoo come Lady Day I bought two kettles off of un, an' 'e threw in a macketel f'r luck. One o' them kettles wore amazin' thin, an' every week 'e passed I told un of it. First 'e said 'e'd change it, if I'd gi'e un back th' mackerel, an' after that 'e used to swear w'enever I spoke of it to un. One o' th' bettles wore all right I'm not denvin' it for it's on th' "Put down th' miller," he went on; "an' Joe

to swear w'enever I spoke of it to un. One o' th' kettles were all right, I'm not denyin' it, for it's on th' fire before ye; the other were werry bad, an' I've thrown it into th' field these three year. Put down th' man fr' Market Waldron.

"I doubt there's some others; it's likely," concluded the veteran, "but ye must wait for un. I'm

a werry old man, an' me memory goes like.

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LADIES' PAGE.

Leading ladies on the Liberal side of politics have undertaken a new duty. Under the title of the "Liberal Social Council," an organisation has been formed, worked by women, and existing for social purposes only. Lady Tweedmouth is the President, and Mrs. Sydney Buxton hon. sec. Among the Council are the Countess of Aberdeen, the Countess of Chesterfield, Countess Carrington, the Countess of Crewe, and the wives and daughters of many other leading politicians. The notion is to give receptions and garden-parties, at which the more wealthy and fashionable ladies of the



A PROMENADE GOWN WITH THE NEW TRIMMING.

Liberal way of thinking shall make acquaintance with the rank-and-file of their party, and assist all Liberals to know each other. This, of course, has been the central idea of the Primrose League, which has been so immensely successful. I doubt, however, whether it is possible to secure as prosperous an organisation socially on the other side of politics. Naturally, the residents in the great houses near the country villages are in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred attached to the Conservative party, and run the Primrose League. I have been present as a guest at a Primrose League monthly meeting in an isolated agricultural village, twelve miles from a railway station. Nothing ever happened there to interest and amuse the people, ide the church work, until the Primrose outside the church work, until the Primrose League "Habitation" was formed under the auspices of the peer whose seat is there, and the neighbouring squires. The meeting was held in the church school-room. There was, first of all, a concert, supplied by local talent; then came about three-quarters of an hour of political speechifying; and the proceedings wound up with a dance, to the music of a piano, lent from one of the large houses, and a violin, played by the church schoolmaster. The ladies and gentlemen, both residents and their guests, attended, as well as both residents and their guests, attended, as well as the servants from the "big houses" of the locality; the farmers, too, with their labourers and their domestics, all met on temporary apparent equality at this gatherand it was easy to see what a bright spot dull life of the locality was thus provided. The few steadfast village Liberals stood around the door and windows, listening and glancing in at the fun, like so many unpicturesque Peris. No doubt if the Liberal party could organise a counter-attraction it would be very desirable in the interests of their side in politics.

There is a great fancy among fashionable women at the moment for the adoption of a motto, which is stamped upon their letter-paper and the outside of their envelopes, embroidered on pincushions and night-dress cases, engraved on the book-plate, and used in any other suitable way. Where a desirable motto belongs to the coat-of-arms it is, of course, usually employed. But such devices are rarely suitable for the gentle lady when they were chosen by the belted knight of old. Sometimes, however, nothing can be better than

the motto on the arms, or a close modification of it; as, for example, in the case of such sayings as those of Lord Sherborne's arms, "I will keep my word"; Lord Stanley of Alderley's, "Without changing"; Earl Sondes', "Be what you seem"; Earl Wemyss's, "I think"; or Lord Rookwood's, "I have lived and will die free." Queen Elizabeth, in her day, used the same motto that has now been adopted by an English authoress, "Semper eadem." Madame Sarah Bernhardt was one of the first modern women steadily to make use of a chosen motto, hers being "Quand Même." Madame Réjane chose a little paradox with that bite in it which is appropriate to such sayings, "I only fear those that I love." The painter, Madame Louise Abbema, offers unintentionally the antidote to this cynicism in her motto, "It is better to have a heart broken than to keep it shut up." A popular actress requests, "Please, everybody, love me." Apropos of Madame Sarah Bernhardt's philosophical motto, a friend of mine who met her at dinner a year or two ago ventured to say to her, "But how is it, Madame, that you, who work so hard and must feel so much, remain so very young-looking through it all?" The famous actress replied, "It is because I have never allowed myself to worry. If I have enough money in my purse for this week I never ask where the money will come from for next week. I have never had a sleepless night from fear of the future. I know no other reason why I still look so young, as you kindly call me!"

An American lady, Miss G. Stewart, a graduate of the University of California, has just given a course of lectures at the Women's Institute in London on "American Household Management." She told a number of most interesting facts. In America it has been already shown by experience that the idea (which always seemed to me a very silly one) that the more ignorant and foolish women are left, the more likely they are to be good housekeepers and mothers, is a mistake. American women, at the same time that they have increased their facilities for higher education and have entered into almost every profession and walk of life outside the home, have also developed a scientific and wise study of domestic management and more thoughtful "childward care," as Tennyson calls it. There, also, more progress has been made than anywhere else in the science of domestic management, and in the art of making household work as easy and as little repulsive as possible. The mere fact that almost every house is heated throughout by a system of hot-air pipes from one furnace in the cellar, that is kept going by a quarter of an hour's attention night and morning, from a man who comes in from outside expressly for this purpose, lightens the domestic work immensely. Again, it is quite rare to find a bedroom in an American house supplied with a washingstand like our own, involving the carrying of heavy water-cans and pails; in the better class of houses in the States there is a lavatory-basin with hot and cold water supply in each room, while in more modest establisheverybody is expected to use the fixed basin in the bath-room. In newly built American houses the labour of carrying the food into the dining-room is diminished by the kitchen being the adjacent apartment, and a sliding panel, or "buttery-hatch," being provided, through which the dishes and the plates are passed. Miss Stewart stated that American men are much more willing to be helpful in the house, where servants cannot be obtained or where the means do not allow of adequate domestic help being engaged, than would be considered consistent with their dignity by even working-class Englishmen. American kitchen utensils are lighter than ours; all sorts of laboursaving machines are employed, and all furniture is made with strong castors so as to be easily moved for cleaning purposes.

Servants in America also work much harder and will undertake a greater variety of work than is the case here. Thus, in the majority of middle-class American families the washing and ironing are done at home; in other cases, the washing alone is performed by the servants of the house, the ironing, as a more skilled occupation, being undertaken on the rough-dry clothes by a professional repasseuse. On the other hand, the American servants will not work for more than eight or nine hours a day, and expect a small part, at least, of their waking time to be left entirely at their own disposal. Women of intellect and culture do not consider it beneath them in America to study domestic science and organisation. The Association of Collegiate Alumnæ, a body composed of some thousands of women graduates, has a special Domestic Science Committee inquiring into and reporting upon all matters of household importance; and the Massachusetts State Labour Bureau has made a special inquiry into the scarcity of domestic servants, and solemnly reports that factory and shop girls prefer those occupations to domestic work, because of the lack of social life, the loss of status among people of their own class, the want of means of training for the higher branches of housework, and the refusal by employers of sufficient free time and of full personal liberty to workers in domestic service.

Petticoats are becoming more and more ornate, some almost rivalling in richness of material and harmony of colour the costume-skirts beneath which they are worn. Plain white underskirts, after being in poor repute for so long, will again be much favoured during the coming summer months, especially by young women. Elderly ladies usually prefer the more dignified brocade, even in warm weather, to fluffy white frills and furbelows. Of course, even in the most elaborate designs, the trimming is all concentrated on the lower half of the petticoat; the top is always made perfectly plain and tight-fitting, as the dress skirts now fit round the hips more closely than ever, and among ladies who are very careful of the silhouette, the underskirt is not provided with a band to encircle the waist at all, but is

buttoned on round the lower edge of the corsets. A pretty model, intended for evening use by a girlish wearer, is made of pink satin, ornamented by a deep flounce of écru Bretonne net, headed and edged by a full ruching of rose-coloured chiffon. The flounce is further ornamented by pink satin bébé ribbon, wandering in and out among the spots of the net without any apparent regularity of design. Another model is of yellow brocade, the lower half trimmed with flounces of somewhat deep black lace, festooned at intervals by the aid of rosettes of yellow ribbon with hanging loops, a tiny diamond buckle scintillating in the centre of each. A third was more commonplace, but still remarkably pretty. The foundation was an Oxford blue corded silk; round the edge was placed a multitude of tiny frills, all blue, but no two of exactly the same tone. The lowest was of the same colour as the body of the garment, the highest was quite a pale blue, and the remaining frills were carefully graduated from one tone to another without any violent contrast spoiling the harmony. Yet another in apple-green silk had a tunic with deep scolloped edges placed over an accordion-pleated flounce. The rounded points of the upper skirt were edged with chiffon ruching in the palest possible shade of pink, and a true-lovers' knot in a slightly deeper shade of pink chiffon ornamented each scollop.

Underclothing becomes continuously more luxurious and costly. The finest recent productions make a point of avoiding any seams. Like the Princess in the fairy tale who could not sleep, though she had many mattresses, because she "felt a lump," which proved to be a single pea under the lowest one, so the dainty and fragile Society dame cannot be at ease if there be in her batiste or silk garments the most delicately worked seam imaginable. The latest notion is to replace the seams by narrow lines of that fine openwork embroidery which is called à jour. All the pieces which compose a garment are united by sewing on to each edge the most minute line of openwork insertion of this description. The lace which trims the cachecorset, the chemise, and other articles is also fixed on by the same means. Openwork narrow embroidery, "à jour," as above described, is also used very much



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ART NOTES.

England has had two great schools of painting—that of the portrait-painters of the eighteenth century and that of the landscape-painters who were born in the eighteenth century and died in the nineteenth. These last also were great. It is usual to relate the school of landscape which made France illustrious, forty years

National Gallery in respect to the Norwich school. Crome is scantily represented there, and Cotman very imperfectly. At the Fine Art Society's Gallery we have had an opportunity of admiring three of the most beautiful Cromes in England—the lovely "Return of the Flock," "Rocky River Scene," and "Old Mill"; a Cotman of great beauty—"Harbour at Low Water, with Fishing-Boats"; and an almost

"articled" to the master, sought to improve upon his most noble example; drew, as they thought, nearer to Nature, but imitated the fact, rather than represented the truth, of the natural landscape; became literal, hard, and common, and set English landscape-painting on the wrong road from that day to this. Crome and Cotman were great colourists, great chiaroscurists, great decorative painters; they had magic, mystery, and



IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD OF THE RECENT FIGHTING: BRITISH STORES AT BEI-BEI UNDER GUARD.



THE MAIFODA, OR HEAD WARRIOR, OF BEI-BEI.

THE OPENING UP OF NIGERIA: WITH THE SOKOTO BOUNDARY COMMISSION.

The recent successful capture of Sokoto has cleared the ground for the work of the Anglo-French Boundary Commission. Bei-Bei is about ninety-five miles west of Sokoto, and was the scene of the first brush which the Commission had with the natives after leaving the river for the overland route. Sokoto was captured by a force under General Kemball and Colonel Morland, who worked round from the eastward.

later, to Constable; but a more obvious influence is to be traced to Crome, Cotman, and De Wint. There is a noble little Troyon now in the Haymarket which is conspicuously like a Cotman; and this is but one instance of a derivation which the most beautiful land-scape ever painted in France owes to the initiative of England. What is strange is the ill-fortune of the

equally fine De Wint—"Footbridge over a Stream." These are from a private collection, which includes other works of the first order of the same period and nationality. The greatness of English landscape did not last. Crome founded a "society," but its genius died with him. In this collection we can see how quickly George Vincent and James Stark,

simplicity. In Crome's skies is the first suggestion of Corot's.

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The competition takes the form of three question-papers, each consisting of twenty questions. These have been so arranged that no two sets of answers can be precisely equal, so that there can be no ties, and no award will be divided.

RULES OF THE COMPETITION.

In the limited space of this advertisement it is obviously impossible to give an adequate idea of the nature and scope of the Competition. A pamphlet has been prepared containing the rules of the Competition, specimen questions, with explanations of the way in which the answers are reached, and the fullest particulars. This pamphlet will be sent to all those who use the Inquiry Form on this page.

Competitors will not be hurried over their answers, for a month is allowed for each of the three question - papers. Intending competitors who are extending their Easter holidays, and have delayed entering the competition on that account, are not yet too late; but names should be enrolled at once. In order to arrive at as close a conjecture as possible of the time required by the questions, twenty of them were given for solution to a clerk of average

intelligence and education. He spent on an average twenty-eight minutes on each, and most of the answers were substantially correct, although more care would have improved them. On this calculation, three hours a week devoted to the Competition would ensure a reasonable chance of success.

Apart from the awards offered, "The Times" Competition makes claims on the public interest. It is an attempt to popularise serious reading, to give point to what might otherwise be aimless, desultory, and therefore unproductive effort. The reader who traces out the answers step by step does not need to be armed with any but the simplest education; but if he is to be successful he will have to give very close attention to the point before him. He cannot fail to be entertained by the process of searching out the answers, and will find in it an engrossing occupation; and, at the same time, without any consciousness of carrying out a laborious task, he will gain three distinct advantages that are not always ensured by a much more pretentious intellectual training. He will learn where most easily to find any specific fact, so that if, as often happens, his success should one day depend on his possession of a particular piece of accurate information, he will be able to find it in the quickest possible time. This faculty will give him an enormous advantage in these days when definite technical detail on many points is needed at short notice. The reading to which the competition directs him possesses an intrinsic interest, and is so various that he will widen his stock of general information. He will gain in force, for success comes not to the cleverest men, but to those who are able to concentrate their whole mental energy on one point at a

time, and the competition offers an admirable training in this faculty.

The Buddhist devotee, to whom our civilisation is but a thing of yesterday, succeeds in concentrating his thoughts to a degree that renders him entirely oblivious of his surroundings. We may smile at the grotesque figure and call

him a fanatic, but which of us would not be glad to possess in some small degree this power of concentration? Even if by working at "The Times" Competition the competitor gains no other advantage than an increase in this faculty of concentration, the time spent will not have been lost. The definite statement which must be found. the straight path of inquiry marked out, help to form a habit of fixed attention. When Sir Isaac Newton was asked how he had achieved his great discoveries, he answered: "By always intending my mind." The man who can thus take himself in hand and by sheer force of will bring his whole thinking power to bear on the matter in hand, is sure of success. He will never lose his head in an emergency, and is sure to take the lead among his fellows in any undertaking.

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although to convey the lesson will be no easy task. The crowd that comes strolling westwards to the Whitechapel Gallery is not a crowd that is likely to have ever set foot among pictures before. Story and sentiment are naturally what it seeks for in the canvases before it; and the more recent art of these days does not pander much to such seekers. The art of the twentieth century must indeed present difficulties to the visitors at Whitechapel.

Mr. Whistler, for instance, is represented at the judgment-seat of the working-man by a small and frail drawing, entitled "The Convalescent." Its size, its delightful slightness, its pale colouring and the delicate drawing so aptly rendering the delicate figure of the invalid, who reclines reading a book held in the slender hand of a slender arm, are all

invalid, who reclines reading a book held in the slender hand of a slender arm, are all qualities that make but few claims on the attention of those who are neither expectant nor prepared. The early works of Millais and the mature paintings of Ford Madox Brown and Holman Hunt have hitherto formed the chief item on the artistic menu prepared for the artisan. And it was reasonable, we think, to choose the bright and definite colourists and the direct illustrators of story or sentiment. The working classes, when they perform the unusual act of stepping into a picture-gallery, demand that they enter the realms of fairy-land. The modern artist, in his effort to paint pictures sufficiently low in tone to be true, must renounce the admiration of the public that wishes for the surprise of colour and sentiment.

Only a portion of the gallery, however, bears on its walls canvases painted in a manner unintelligible to its patrons. To dispel the mystification that must needs obscure the minds of factory-girls after studying the contents of one room, "The Railway-Station," by Mr. Frith, "A Soldier's Return," by Mr. Marcus Stone, and "Confession," by Mr. Dicksee, are hung in another. To criticise the exhibition on its artistic merits would be to accord it abundant praise. It is a pleasure to renew acquaintance with Mr. P. Wilson Steer's admirably composed portrait-study, "Jonquils," and with the same artist's brilliant landscape, "The Rainbow," painted in the vivid moments of sunshine during a storm. Here also are to be found most excellent examples of Mr. Mark Fisher's art; while Mr. Edward Stott is well represented.

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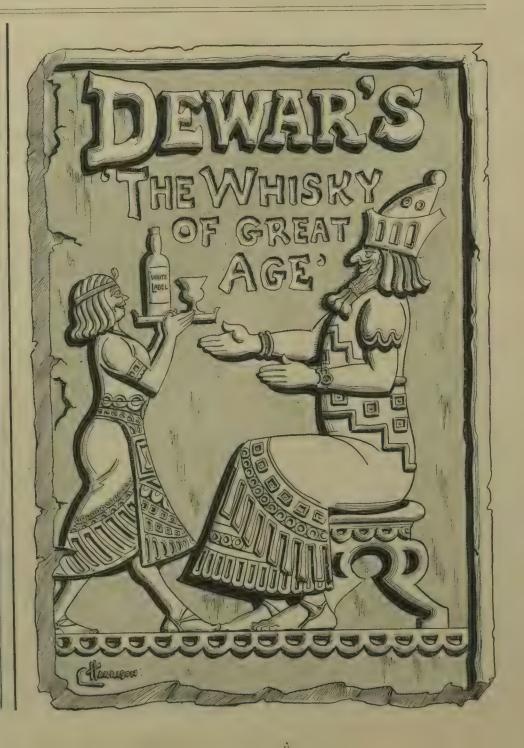
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ECCLESIASTICAL NOTES.

The Bishop of London is taking only a three weeks' holiday, as he has several important engagements early in May. His visit to Biarritz was an event of the greatest interest to the English community. It is only once in many years that so popular a preacher can be secured at this favourite Easter resort. During the present week, Dr. Ingram is resting in the Pyrenees, and he returns by way of Paris, where he will hold a confirmation. The Bishop of Rochester has also gone abroad, and is taking his holiday in Italy.

The preacher at St. Paul's during Holy Week was the Bishop of Kensington, who attracted large crowds, especially on the last days. On the whole, however, it must be said that the week-day services at the Cathedral have proved much less attractive than in past years. No effort appears to

have been made to engage the most popular preachers, and the result is that congregations were often meagre and languid.

The appointment of Dean Farrar's successor has been received with general approval, for there are few more popular clergymen in London than Dr. Wace. His appointment will mean a loss rather than a gain in income, as the Canterbury Deanery carries with it now a salary of only £700 a year net. In old days



THE RESTORATION OF LADYSMITH WATERWORKS: THE INTAKE.

The intake is situated six miles away from the Town Hall. Early in the siege the pipes from the intake were torn up by the Boers, and the supply ceased. Since then £20,000 has been expended in repairing and extending the works. The town has now one of the best water supplies in South Africa.

it was worth £4000 a year, but in 1840 the stipend was reduced by half, and it has since been declining.

The Bishop of Manchester made one of the best speeches at the Town Hall luncheon in connection with the Free Libraries' Jubilee. He spoke of the growing taste for reading, especially among the working classes. The best histories, biographies, and scientific treatises now find their way into the homes of working men. An artisan said the other day, "When I select a house I

will take care it is not very far from one of the branch libraries of the city."

Princess Christian recently laid the foundationstone of the new church of St. Mary at Summerstown, Tooting. The Vicar, the Rev. John Robinson, mentioned that the parish occupies a unique position. It was duly constituted in 1845, but nine years ago the church was demolished, and it was only now that they had begun building in earnest. A sum of £6000 was already subscribed, and it was hoped during the coming year to raise the remaining £3000. The church, which is in the heart of a poor district, is to seat eight hundred persons.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, in recently opening a new savings bank at Lambeth, reminded his hearers that thrift had always been characteristic of the neighbourhood. It was there that one of the first English savings banks was

founded a hundred years ago, after the death of the author of "Robinson Crusoe," who suggested the idea.

Bishop Perowne, in spite of age and feeble health, went to Birmingham on the first Saturday in April and laid the foundation-stone of the Bishop Latimer Memorial Church, Handsworth New Road. The church is the gift of a lady who has provided £15,000 to cover the cost of erection and £1800 for the site, but who desires to remain anonymous.





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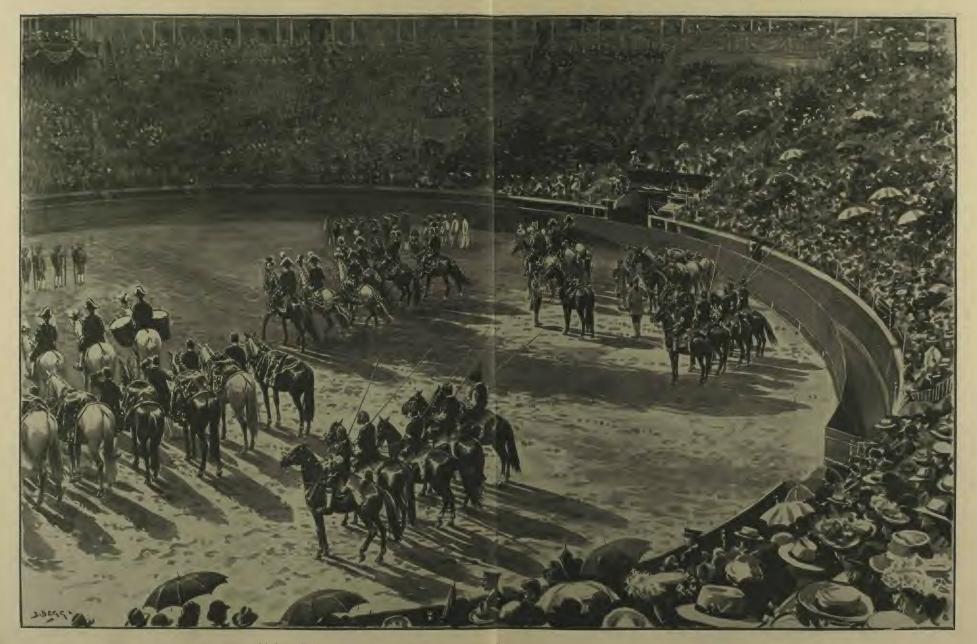
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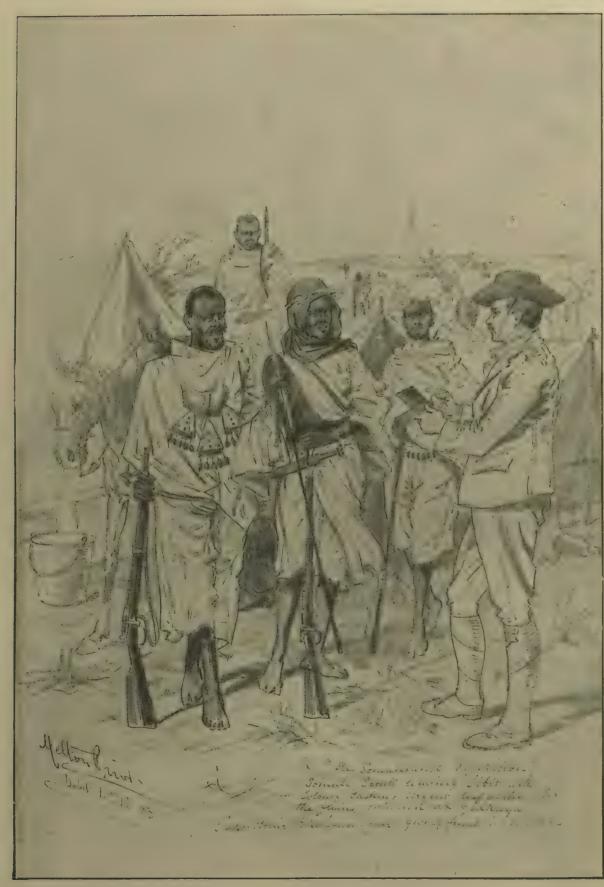


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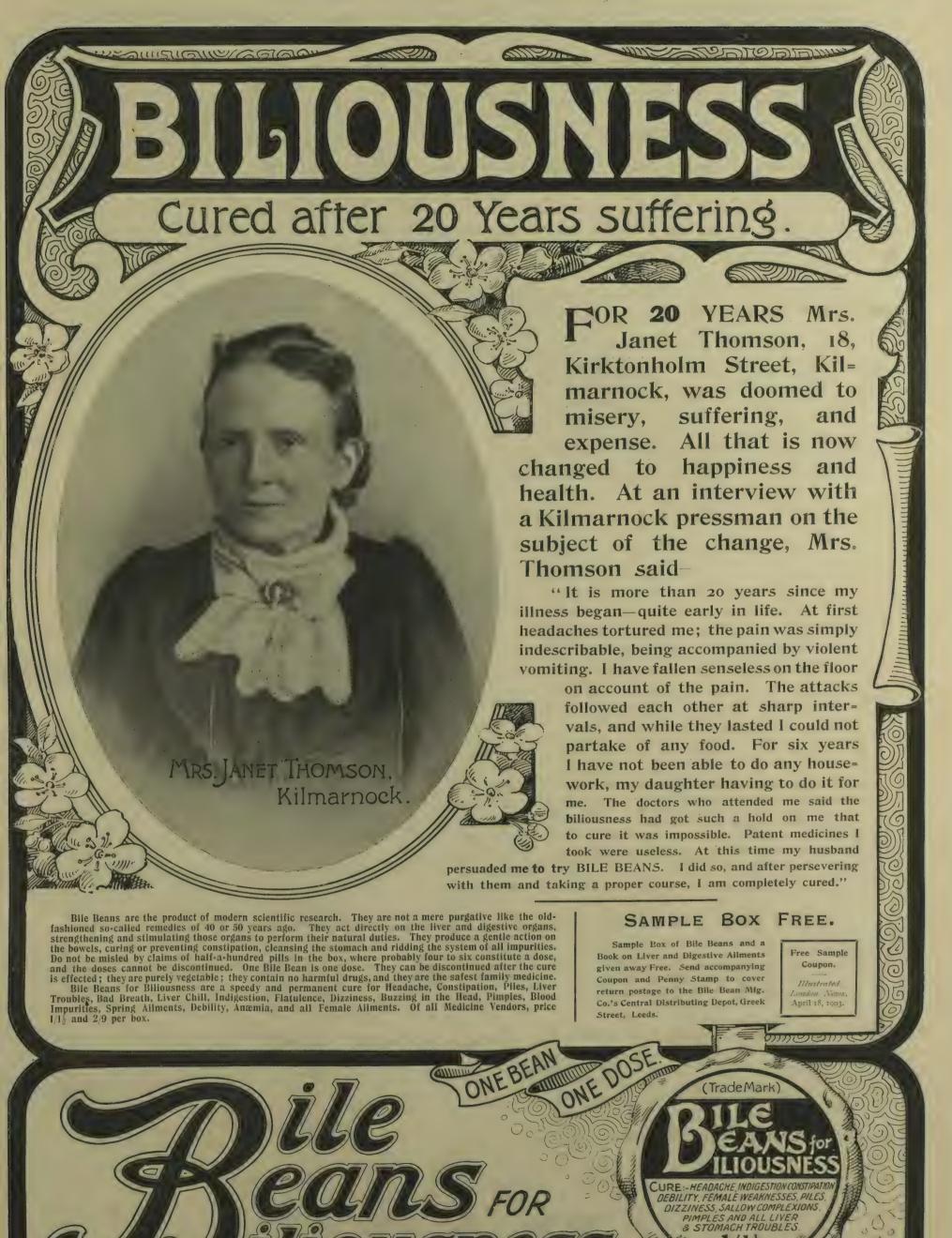
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WILLS AND BEQUESTS.

The will (dated March 17, 1897), with two codicils (dated Jan. 16, 1899, and Jan. 20, 1903), of Mr. Frederick Baden Benger, of The Grange, Knutsford, Chester, who died on Jan. 28, has been proved by Mrs. Sophia Benger, the widow, and Alfred Benger, the brother, the value of the estate being £420,807. The testator bequeaths £50,000 and the contents of The Grange, other than money and securities, to his wife; £500 each to the Hospital for Diseases of the Chest and the Children's Hospital (Manchester); £500 to the Northern Counties' Hospital for Chronic and Incurable Diseases; £500 to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals; £5500 to his brother Alfred; £5000 to his brother William Edmund; £1000 each to his brothers Henry and John; £500 each to his brothers Arthur Noel and George Ogilvy; £2000, and during the life of Mrs. Benger an annuity of £150, to his sister Mary Ann Adye; and other legacies. The residue of his property he leaves, in trust, for his wife for died on Jan. 28, has been proved by Mrs. Sophia Benger, of his property he leaves, in trust, for his wife for life; and then, as to four eighteenths each, in trust, for his brothers Alfred and William Edmund and his sister Mrs. Adye; two eighteenths each to his brothers Henry and John; and one eighteenth each to his brothers Arthur Noel and George Ogilvy.

The will (dated Aug. 31, 1901), with a codicil (dated Nov. 20, 1902), of Mr. George Braithwaite Lloyd, of Edgbaston Grove, Birmingham, has been proved by John Henry Lloyd, the son, one of the executors, the value of the estate being £125,253. The testator bequeaths £2000 each to the children of his son; a conditional sum of £11,000 to the children of his brother, Sampson Samuel Lloyd; £1000 each to his sisters-in-law Eliza Hutchinson, Emma Gilkes, and the widow of his deceased brother, Sampson Samuel; £1000 to his nephew, Samuel John Hutchinson; £1000 each to the General Hospital, the General Dispensary, the to the General Hospital, the General Dispensary, the Town Mission, and Sir Josiah Mason's Orphanage (Birmingham); and £100 each to the Queen's Hospital (Birmingham), the Birmingham and Midland Hospital for Women and for Sick Children, the Homocopathic Hospital, the Eye Hospital, and the Lying-in Charity (Birmingham). The residue of his property he leaves Birmingham). The residue of his property he leaves

The will (dated April 30, 1890), with a codicil (dated Dec. 8, 1902), of Mr. Nathaniel Killingworth Punsheon, of Ingleby House, near Northallerton, who died on Dec. 21, has been proved by Mrs. Rachel Mary Punsheon, the widow, and William Henry White,

the executors, the value of the estate being £111,448. The testator bequeaths annuities of £100 to his brother William, £200 to Margaret D. Brown, £200 to Ann Pountain; and £100 to William Henry White and £100 per annum to his wife, Susan Norah White. The residue of his property he leaves to his wife.

The will (dated Dec. 2, 1902) of Sir Colley Harman Scotland, of 44, Queen's Gate Gardens, S.W., and Chilton Grove, near Shrewsbury, who died on Jan. 20, has been proved by Colley Llewellyn Harry Burton, the grandson, and George Butler Lloyd, the executors, the value of the estate being £85,952. The testator bequeaths £20,000, in trust, for his grandson; £500 to his cousin Mary Scotland Mackenzie; £300 to Marian Burton; £100 to George Butler Lloyd; £250 to Captain W. Alexander Kincaid; £300 to his niece Louisa A. Scotland; and £350 to his godson, John Robert Morris. All the remainder of his estate and effects he leaves to All the remainder of his estate and effects he leaves to

The will (dated May 2, 1902) of Mr. Darwin Galton, J.P., D.L., of Claverdon Leys, Warwick, who died on Jan. 4, has been proved by Edward Galton Wheler, the nephew, and Brabazon Campbell, the executors, the value of the estate being £66,499. The testator gives

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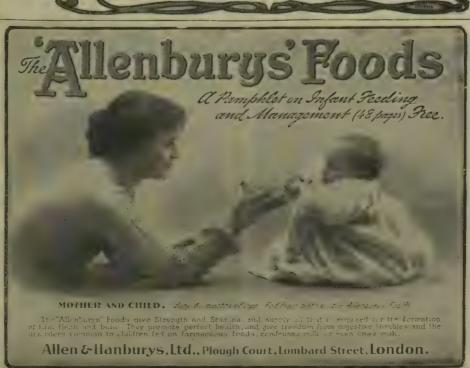
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The will (dated Nov. 8, 1900) of Mr. Arnold Bevan, of Park Terrace, Pontypool, who died on Jan. 23, was proved on April 1 by Mrs. Anne Bevan, the widow, Frederick Montrevor Bevan, the son, and William Collins, the executors, the value of the estate amounting to £35,501. Subject to legacies of £100 each to his

executors, the testator leaves all his property, in trust to pay the income thereof to his wife for life, and then as to one moiety thereto for his son, and the other moiety for his daughter, Mrs. Paulina Southwood Jones.

One of the directors of the Great Central Railway Company, Colonel Clement Royds, M.P., has presented to the staff a shield to be competed for annually in connection with ambulance work. At the first competition the Hull team won the trophy.

Sir William J. Soulsby, secretary to the Lord Mayor, has received the following letter, and the offer conhas received the following letter, and the offer contained in it has been accepted by the committee of the Union Jack Club: "158 to 162, Oxford Street, London, W. Sir,—Our chairman, Mr. J. Newton Mappin, of Headley Park, Epsom, has written to us from Biarritz expressing his desire to aid the good work by contributing all the plate and cutlery required for the outfit of the above. Might we intrench on your wall-known courtesy to convey the information to your well-known courtesy to convey the information to the proper quarter? We understand that the Lord Mayor is greatly interested in the scheme. We have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servants, for Mappin and Webb (Limited),—W. T. Haddock, Director."

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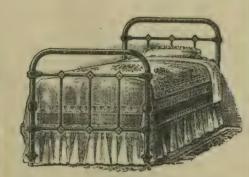
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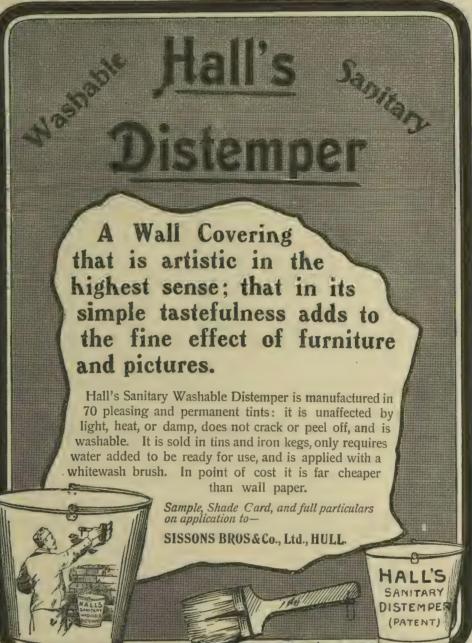
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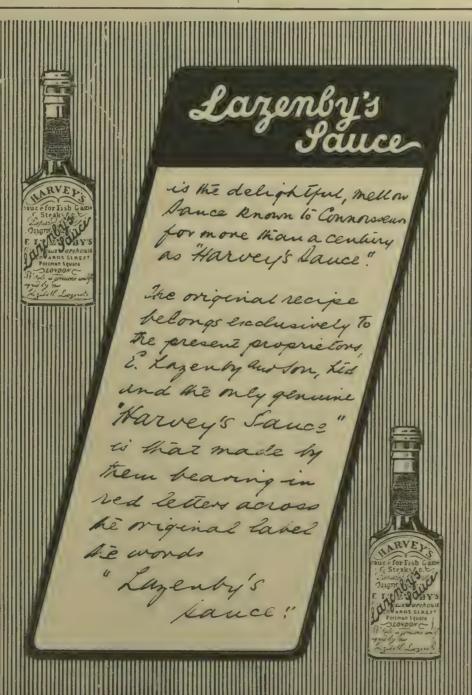
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poor opinion. They come from the far North, and yet die when it freezes hard. Their straggling troops are continually leaving luckless members behind in the tree-tops where they so often find it necessary to rest. Their senseless chuckle is pleasing to imitate, but not Their senseless chuckle is pleasing to imitate, but not to hear ceaselessly repeated, even when buzzards are a-hunting in the neighbourhood. And so the starlings, who, animated with turbulent spirits though they are, usually make way politely for other flying squadrons, cannot refrain from quickening their pace to rush in upon these broken flocks when they meet them. The weak Northerners are easily scattered, and can only get their untidy ranks together again after torrents of chuckles have been interchanged.

when the starlings come forth in the morning they are hungry and care not how they reach their feeding-grounds so long as they get there quickly. They fight the winds with eager determination, often accomplishing a journey of several miles zig-zag fashion or altogether sideways. But in the evening they can better attend to organisation, when there is, besides, greater need for it, their many enemies being more wideawake and active than at dawn. It is pleasant then to see their steady united flocks approach the then to see their steady united flocks approach the crossways, testing the aerial currents with sensitive, hesitating wings. They tack against a cross-wind, rounding the last stiff turn, as it were, with a strong unanimous rush. But if they come up against the wind to the plantation road, working might and main, one can think to hear a sigh of relief run through their ranks as, at the end of a slow curve, they get on to

the breeze, and one and all spread their sails motionless at the same moment to be tranquilly carried home. When thus serenely sailing, should they wish to break their flight in the elm-tops, they will allow themselves to be borne almost past their goal before suddenly turning topsy-turvy, with the simultaneousness that characterises all their movements. They seem together to cleave the wind that had been sweeping them before it, and for one instant it drones loudly among their many opposing

little forms.

When the gulls come up the river they pause at the crossways to consider whether they shall descend in the water-meads or seek the ploughed land in the direction of the rookery. They care not for conflicting aërial currents, being accustomed to sport in the fiercest storms, but sometimes they will let the wind decide for them the way they shall take. Poising and wheeling in uncertainty, they will finally yield to its persistent pressure and drift before it until the aspect of the soil lures them downward. They crowd the crossways in time of flood, when the low, deep roar of the river sweeping round the willow-trees and pouring through the hedges is music full of promise to their ears. the hedges is music full of promise to their ears. For, when fleeting sunshine breaks across the grey sky and sombre, widespread sheet of water, making the green ivy and little lichens and dark red buds spring momentarily to light among the trees, their keen eyes search the flood, discovering many delights stirring in it. They hover over it and dive into it, enjoying it as it is, and happily expecting the bliss attendant upon

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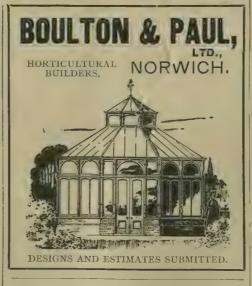
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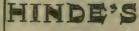
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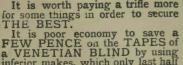
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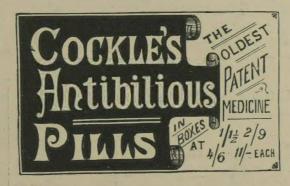
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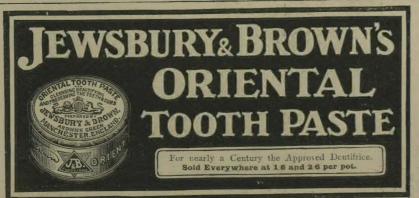












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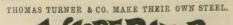
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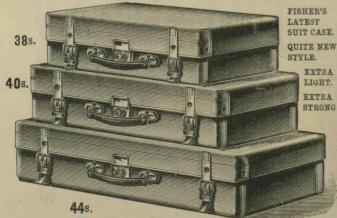
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